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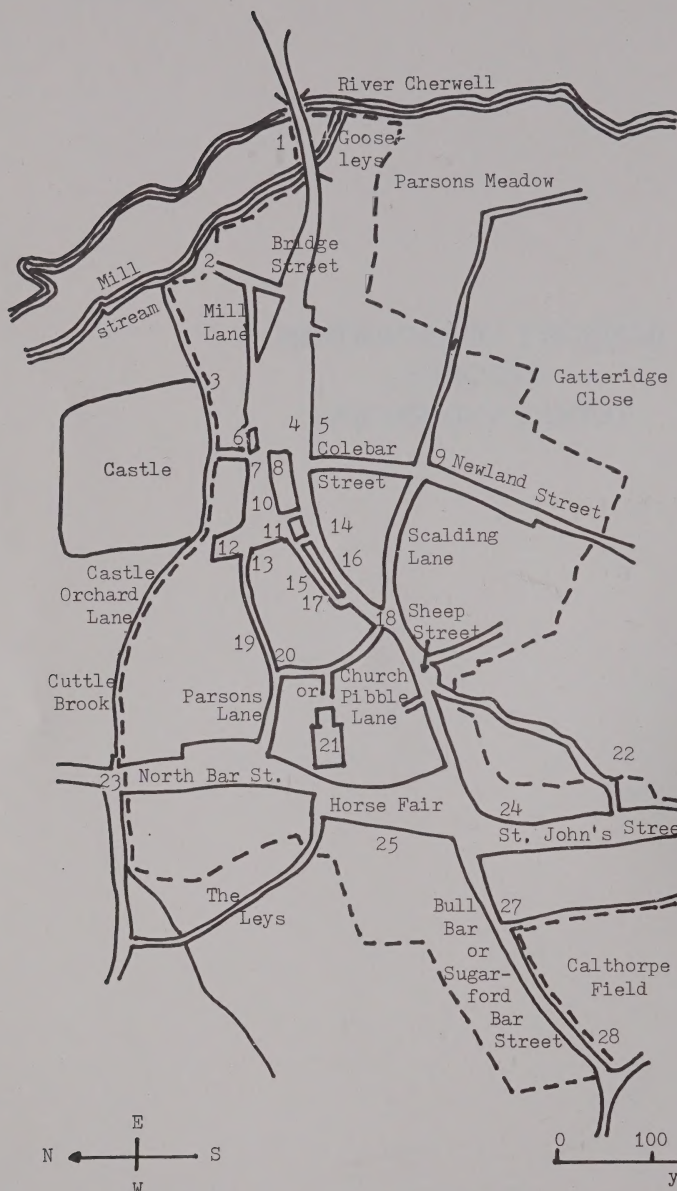
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Key

1. Bridge
2. Banbury Mill
3. Cuttle Mill
4. Cow Fair or Beast Market
5. Altarstone inn
6. Hog or Pig Market
7. Ducking stool
8. Wool Hall and gaol
9. Cole Bar
10. Market Place
11. Town Hall
12. Cornhill or Cornmarket; Barkhill and High Cross
13. Unicorn tavern
14. High Street; or Bread Cross, Boulting or Lion Street
15. The Shambles, or Butchers Row; Leather Hall
16. (Red) Lion tavern
17. Bread Cross
18. Shop Row
19. Reindeer tavern
20. King's Arms inn
21. Parish church
22. Calthorpe House
23. North Bar
24. Swan inn
25. Three Tuns tavern
26. St. John's or South Bar
27. Bull, Sugarford or West Bar
28. White Cross



Map of Banbury, based on that published in "Historic Towns", vol. 1, ed. M.D. Lobel, 'Banbury', ed. P.D.A. Harvey, 1969.

The broken line indicates the Borough boundary.

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INTRODUCTION

The century and a half covered by this volume was the first period when the townspeople of Banbury, even if only the prosperous elite, were self-governing; it included some of the most significant events ever to take place in the Borough and was certainly the most turbulent of Banbury's recorded history; all of which makes it a period of absorbing interest.

The mid-sixteenth century is really the time when Banbury comes to life. Before this, when the town itself was governed by the Bishop of Lincoln or his agents, the records are scanty and, in the main, comprehensible only to the 'specialist'; individuals are only rarely and briefly glimpsed.

With the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth comes a radical change. The catalyst appears to have been Banbury's support for the Catholic Queen Mary in the days when the Protestant manipulators of the tragic Lady Jane Grey attempted to usurp the throne - surprising in view of the later puritan domination of the town. This support brought the coveted Charter of Incorporation, dated 26th January 1554, with which the records in this volume begin. Additionally Banbury was granted 'one discreet Burgess' to serve as a Member of Parliament; most boroughs returned two members, and the single-member constituency was a constitutional novelty, shared with Higham Ferrers and Abingdon.

The records of the Corporation, as published in this volume,¹ throw considerable though somewhat fitful light on the conduct of government of the town. The start of the parish registers in 1558² and the survival in some abundance of wills and inventories³ make it possible to learn much more about the people whose names appear in these official records.

The records published here have already been made good use of by various of the town's historians.⁴ What this book offers is the

1. The Corporation Accounts Book, 1554-1741, of which this volume is a calendar, is described on pages xv-xvi, and the other records included, with detailed references, are listed on pages xx-xxi.
2. The registers relevant to the period of this volume have been published by the Banbury Historical Society: Baptisms and Burials, Part 1, 1558-1653 (vol.7, 1966); Part 2, 1653-1723 (vol.9, 1968); Marriages, Part 1, 1558-1724 (vol.2, 1960).
3. The wills and inventories of Banbury parishioners appearing in the Banbury Peculiar Court records, 1591-1650, have been published by the Historical Society, vols.13 (in press) and 14 (1976). Earlier inventories from the same court are published in "Household and Farm Inventories in Oxfordshire, 1550-1590", ed. M.A. Havinden (Oxfordshire Record Society, vol.44, 1965).
4. See page xv.

opportunity to read the detail which any historical account must omit; and, in particular, to get an idea of who the actual families and people that took the lead in town affairs really were.

The Sixteenth Century: Government under the First Charter

To start with, following the often-discussed first Charter and the list of the first Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses, there comes a list of Freemen - some 130 in all. These were the responsible tradesmen who made the town what it was, and many of their descendants were the men whose surnames recur throughout these records.

Although during most of the period the accounts for each year give little detail, for the very first year recorded, 1555-6, they are far more detailed than later, and give a very good idea of the sources of revenue which must have remained unchanged, even if the amounts received varied and grew with inflation. The expenditure for that heady first year, the feasting and special pageant which marked the celebrations, the gifts to those who had helped to obtain the grant of the Charter, all can be found reflected in John Longe's accounts, as well as the building costs of the first Town Hall, the paving of part of the Market Place, the removal of the punitive instruments from the Castle, and other gestures of independence.⁵ Although William Barnesley had been appointed Bailiff under the Charter of 1554, he appears to have died soon after, and it was during John Longe's term of office that the new Corporation was properly established.

The various Regulations and Oaths make it clear how responsibly the offices of Bailiff, Justice, and membership of the Corporation were taken. The restrictions on the townspeople, and the need for them, are shown by the 'Orders and Pains' of 1564. Some light is thrown on other Corporation officials, such as the Chamberlains (there were two at a time during the sixteenth century, with relatively frequent changes), and the Town Wardens, who administered the charities.

In the 1560's the Knight family first come to prominence. The baker, John Knight, owned much property in the town and built the still-surviving Reindeer Inn in Parsons Street. There was at the same time another John Knight, a mercer, on the Corporation. They are sometimes identified in the records by their trades, but in other cases can easily be confused. A generation later the baker's son, William Knight, was to dominate Banbury affairs.

Then comes a gap of nine years, from 1574-5 until 1583-4, when the records are totally missing, so that even the names of the Bailiffs are unknown. It was around this time that the death took place of Thomas Oken, a Warwick mercer of considerable wealth and

5. Comparison may be made with the "Bristol City Chamberlains' Accounts in the 16th and 17th Centuries", ed. D.M. Livock (Bristol Record Society, vol. 24, 1965). This publishes the full accounts for the years 1556-7 and 1627-8.

character. By the terms of his will, the relevant part of which is reproduced, he ensured the perpetuation of his memory in Banbury, Stratford and Warwick; his name is recalled throughout the period covered by the Accounts Book, and the very last entry, made in 1741, concerns the charity he created. The money he left to the Borough was to be lent out on security to provide capital for tradespeople, the lack of which was a great problem in the days before banks and the apparatus of modern finance. The picturesque ceremony and jollifications from which members of the Corporation themselves benefitted is well described in the excerpt from the Warwick town records of 1656-7.

The Accounts Book resumes the record in 1584, and thereafter continues virtually uninterrupted until 1693. In 1585 a roll of quitrents on Crown property gives an indication of some of the property-holders in the Borough; these included the churchwardens of Lapworth in Warwickshire, who still owned property in Banbury as late as 1818.⁶

In 1588-9, and again in 1591-2, we get a record of the minor office-holders - Constables, Tithingmen, Aletasters, Searchers and Sealers of Leather, and, in the latter year, not only a list of Corporation members, but also their actual signatures. In 1590 there is another list of most of the town's leading inhabitants, signatures to a petition to Lord Burghley on the threat, later carried out, to eject Thomas Brasbridge, the puritan Vicar of Banbury.⁷

The year 1597-8 sees the first of the loans which characterise the next twenty-five years - loans by members of the Corporation and others, to create a stock for the poor, or to defray Corporation expenditure, and their repayment by instalments. The following year there is a list of charitable funds, of which far more details are found in the Charity Decree of 1602/3. That year, 1597-8, also records the dismissal of the Beadle - a minor matter in itself, but unique in being the only record in this book of the way Corporation members actually voted. It probably foreshadows the row that was brewing and was to come to a head in the Star Chamber case of 1599-1600. That legal proceedings had already started is shown by the reference under 1596-7 to law charges in answering George Blinco (or Blincowe), who brought the case. The deposition of Matthew Knight, the sole surviving document, naturally only gives one side of the case, but its revelations, of which there is no hint in the official record, are fascinating. This Matthew Knight was a mercer, so it is probable he was a son of, or at least related to, the mercer John Knight mentioned above.

6. Bodleian Library, MS. D.D. Dew, c.2.

7. The comment in V.C.H. Oxon., x, p.98, on the conspicuous absence from this petition of the Hawten and Vivers families is misleading. The heads of the two families, Gerard Hawten of Calthorpe and Andrew Vivers, had both died in 1588, and their sons were almost certainly still minors.

The Seventeenth Century: William Knight and the Second Charter

It seems that the lawsuit went against Blinco and Matthew Knight, for the clique headed by William Knight, the Wheatleys, Henry Showell and John Gill, remained firmly in power, and the Second Charter, of 1608, only reinforced their position. The pedigree on page 271 shows their close relationship. The involvement of John Gill is particularly interesting. He lived at Wickham and was not a tradesman or merchant but a member of the minor gentry. He was actually descended from Peter Gill, the first Town Clerk, and had a double link with William Knight. Intriguingly in one record the surname of his second wife's first husband is given as Fennys, but no relationship with the Fiennes of Broughton family has been traced.

William Knight himself had inherited most of his father's considerable property in Banbury. He had been educated at Merton College in the University of Oxford and at the Inns of Court. Several of his sisters had married men important in Banbury. As the Star Chamber lawsuit makes clear, his influence in the Corporation was paramount. This was confirmed by the 1608 Charter in which he was appointed Chamberlain for an indefinite period. He had already long been a Justice of the Peace and he evidently also acted as Town Clerk for a time (see 1616-7). It was his influence (together with that of his nephew, the famous William Whately, Vicar of Banbury from 1611 to 1639) which must have done much to gain for the town its reputation for puritanism.⁸

The new Charter of 1608 made elaborate provision for the foundation of a Hospital of Our Sovereign Lord James the King, or the King's Hospital of Banbury, but despite the arrangements made for the appointment of a Guardian and Governors and the exercise of their authority, it must be assumed that it did not materialise as no further reference to it is known. Public buildings that did get erected, however, were the Wool Hall and, in due course, a new Town Hall, both financed by William Taylor of Middleton Cheney, whose connection with Banbury was clearly very strong.

With William Knight's appointment as Chamberlain in 1608 it became customary for this post to be held for long periods by the same man. This continuity, which doubtless helped the smooth running of the Corporation's affairs, must have added to the influence of an already important official. Knight remained Chamberlain for twenty years, as did his successor John Austen. Later in the century Samuel Reynolds held the post for fifteen years.

From 1612-3 on, with occasional exceptions, an annual record was made of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials.

8. A monument to him still survives in St. Mary's church, Banbury, of which the inscription was printed by A. Beesley, "History of Banbury", pp.494-5. A drawing of the now-lost bust which surmounted it appeared in William Fotts, "A History of Banbury", 1958, p.265, and in B.H.S. vol.7.
9. For the role of the Chamberlain, see "Bristol City Chamberlains' Accounts",

Soon it also became customary to list (in strict order of seniority) the members of the Corporation attending the Mayor-making on 29th September. It is this listing which has made it possible to work out, from the Second Charter to the end of the record in 1693, the approximate date of election to the Corporation of each member, first as Burgess and then on promotion to Alderman. With help from the parish registers and probate records, the Corporation members and their (often surprisingly long) periods of service are, for the first time, identified and established. The pedigrees on pages 269-280 show the close degree of relationship between many of them.

In 1622-3 and again in 1630-1 reports from the Mayor to the Privy Council throw light on the market prices prevailing and the action taken by the Corporation to relieve the poor. The Great Fire of Banbury occurred on 2nd March, 1627/8, and although the Corporation Accounts make no reference to this, the opportunity has been taken to record the text of the printed appeal issued by the Mayor, and a list of those receiving relief, from a document in the City of Coventry Record Office.

Lord Saye and Sele and the Civil War

The Earl of Banbury, Lord Knollys, died in 1632, and the Corporation elected as High Steward in his stead William Fiennes, Viscount Saye and Sele, 'Old Subtlety' of Parliamentary fame, an indication of the close affinity between puritan Banbury and the neighbouring Fiennes family.

This sympathy with Lord Saye and Sele's principles was soon to be put to the test in the running battle over Ship Money. The correspondence from the State Papers (Domestic) in 1636 and 1637 shows dramatically what was involved in the passive- and not so passive - resistance to what were considered unjustified taxation demands. The office of Mayor was clearly an unenviable one for Nathaniel Wheatly, and it is understandable that there was such difficulty in persuading anyone to succeed him.

The troubles of the Civil War are revealed more by what is missing from the Accounts Book than what is recorded. The auditors' statement for 1643-4, made five years later, sums up the situation: "By reason of the disturbances of the times there were neither receipts nor disbursements during the Mayoralty". The Mayor had once again been the unfortunate Nathaniel Wheatly, but things were even worse under his successor, Aholiab West. The House of Lords Journal explains the calamitous state of affairs in September 1645 which prevented a new Mayor being elected.

With the end of the War, the inhabitants of the town were eventually successful in securing the demolition of the hated castle - the cause of sieges, fire, destruction and plague. A passing reference in 1647-8 records an incidental benefit to the Corporation arising out of sale of materials from its demolition.

The coming of the Commonwealth brought difficulties over the fee farm rent and concern over the continuance of charitable receipts connected with former Chantry rents. William Lenthall, Speaker of the House of Commons in the Long Parliament and an Oxfordshire man, is revealed as Recorder of Banbury. A survival from this time is the mace to which the Corporation subscribed in 1651-2, though it was tactfully converted in 1660 from a Commonwealth to a Royal emblem.

A survey of former Crown property taken in July, 1653, gives much detailed topographical information about the town, and also indicates some of the Civil War damage. A number of the householders or occupiers named there figure in the dispute over the sheep market in Sheep Street, which erupted in 1655-6. Depositions, which throw specific light on Corporation affairs, are reproduced.¹⁰

With the Restoration of Charles II, or at any rate by September, 1661, the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy make their reappearance. In 1663 reference is also made to the Act for regulating corporations. This was the first of the King's attempts to influence and control boroughs, whose representatives in Parliament were on the whole opposed to the Crown. Nothing much came of this early effort at royal interference, but the dictatorial exchange in 1674 indicates the attitude of the Court to corporations.

Corporation Offices and Officials

For most of the seventeenth century the Corporation officials included four Constables and four Tithingmen appointed each year. The Tithingman was the junior post and a second year was usually served, followed by appointment as Constable. Depending no doubt on the social standing and ability of the person, service in these posts often preceded election to the Corporation, as a Burgess. From 1678-9 the post of Tithingman evidently was abolished and the number of Constables increased to six instead.

Another post of responsibility was that of Bridgemaster. There were two, appointed annually from members of the Corporation, usually an Alderman and a Burgess, in most cases reappointed for a second year. The Charity Decree of 1602/3 lays down their duties of administering the town's charities, replacing the Town Wardens.

Lists of the various recipients of charity money on bond occur twice, on the death in office in 1675 of Henry Smith, both Mayor and Chamberlain, and under 1687-8 when Samuel Rennolls (or Reynolds) was displaced by John Austin. These include a number of women. From 1676-7 a note is made of the annual issue of two wine licences to tavern-keepers.¹¹

10. The dispute has been described in detail in my article 'Trouble over Sheep Pens', "Cake and Cockhorse", vol.7, no.2 (Spring 1977), pp.35-48.

11. I have discussed the issue of these wine licences in 'A Century of Tavern-Keeping: The Stokes Family at the Unicorn and the Three Tuns', "Cake and Cockhorse", vol.7, no.4 (Autumn 1977), pp.109-12.

Appointment as Assistant did not involve any such duties. As can be seen from the only two seventeenth century lists, incorporated in the Second Charter of 1608 and the abortive Charter of 1683, a number of local nobility and gentry were included. The Assistants had a say in the election of the Mayor; and Burgesses were selected from their number.

The one senior permanent official was of course the Town Clerk. Peter Gill was named in the First Charter and probably remained so until his death in 1575/6. Nicholas Austen held the post by 1588, was named in the Second Charter of 1608, and died in 1613. William Knight then appears to have acted, in a temporary capacity, until the appointment in 1617-8 of Edward Edens, son of the alderman Nichodemus Edens, who served until his death in 1643. His successor is not known certainly, but it may have been William Pym (died 1649). Timothy Harris, a son of the celebrated Dr Robert Harris, Rector of Hanwell, was Town Clerk in 1655-6, and was succeeded (on his death in 1659) by Richard Downes. Another long tenure of office ensued, lasting, with a brief suspension in 1687-8, until he died in 1691. The period of this volume ends with the Style(s) family, Philip and his son William.

Parliamentary Representation and Crown Interference

In these records there is no indication of the influences operating in the elections of Banbury's single Member of Parliament during the Elizabethan and early Stuart period. The families of Cope of Hanwell and Fiennes of Broughton predominated. Lord Saye and Sele's election as High Steward and his son Nathaniel Fiennes' election as Member for what became the Long Parliament were doubtless unopposed. The puritan influence continued on the Restoration, when the Presbyterian Sir John Holman represented the Borough throughout the reign. However, signs of dissatisfaction first appear in 1681, with a Petition to Parliament, and thereafter for forty years there were constant disputes over parliamentary elections. The franchise was restricted to the eighteen Corporation members, though this itself was disputed. The issues are reflected in the Petitions of 1690 and 1691.

Preceding these, however, and the even worse conflict of 1699-1700, was the development of the threat to the Corporation independence from Crown interference in the 1680's under Charles II and James II. On 4th October, 1683, the King, through 'Quo Warrento' proceedings, enforced the forfeiture of the City of London's Corporation charter. In the aftermath many boroughs, Banbury included, voluntarily surrendered their charters to avoid similar forfeiture. The purpose of the King's action, as shown by the proviso in Banbury's renewed Charter of 1683, was to enable the Crown to control membership of corporations and thus influence the election of members of parliament. Until then representatives of boroughs were predominantly Whig and anti-Court. The threat of ejection, and

perhaps local North of Wroxton 'interest', was sufficient in 1685, on James II's accession, for the presumably Whig Sir John Holman to be replaced by the Tory Sir Dudley North. Even so the majority of the Corporation was ejected in November, 1687, and February, 1687/8, as insufficiently in support of James II's unpopular policies. They were replaced by men who were probably Dissenters, as the King's policy of religious toleration helped not only his fellow-Roman Catholics but also the protestant nonconformists who were previously debarred from local government. This substitute Corporation was short-lived, for the former members were reinstated by James II's panic measure of October, 1688, in an unsuccessful attempt to save his kingdom.

A fortnight later William of Orange landed at Torbay. One of the first to help him with money was the wealthy Sir Robert Dashwood, who, although a Tory who had been in high favour with Charles II, clearly saw which way the wind was blowing. Sir Robert had married the daughter of Sir Thomas Chamberlayne of Wickham (in the parish of Banbury), whose property he inherited. At the election for the 'Convention' Parliament of 1688/9 he was returned as Member for Banbury. Sir Dudley North, who had been one of the ministers of James II, had been 'obliged to retire'. Nevertheless, it seems probable that there were connections between the Norths and the Dashwoods. Whether it was a continuance of the North 'interest' or Sir Robert's own wealth which influenced the Corporation, in electing Dashwood its members again returned a Tory, despite their arbitrary treatment by James II.¹²

In the years after the Restoration the annual Mayoral accounts become briefer and briefer. Those of the Chamberlain, who handled most of the Corporation's financial matters, were audited irregularly and were of similar brevity. With 1693 even the record of the annual Mayor-making comes to an end. Apart from one memorandum in 1698, nothing is entered for the next ten years.

The probable reason for this hiatus is revealed by the extracts from the Privy Council Registers and the House of Commons Journal, 1699-1700, which describe the dispute between members of the Corporation following the death in office of the Mayor, William Thorp, in February, 1698/9. This resulted in the election of rival Mayors by different groups of Corporation members, with rival officials to support them. Possession of this Accounts Book and other records

12. For Sir Dudley North, see D.N.B. James Townsend, "The Oxfordshire Dashwoods", 1922, pp.8-10, quotes H. Paintin in the "Oxford Illus. Journal", 4 July 1917, that Dashwood advanced 'the Deliverer' £100,000. Before returning to England in 1680 North had been resident twenty years in Constantinople, where he was treasurer of the Turkey Company. One of Dashwood's half-uncles, Francis, was also a Turkey merchant. Moreover Francis Dashwood's son Sir Samuel Dashwood and Sir Dudley North were both members of the Court-orientated African Company - David Ogg, "England in the Reigns of James II and William III", p.312; K.G. Davies, "The Royal African Company".

and regalia were factors in the dispute. The Gilbertian situation was only settled, in March, 1700/1, by recourse to the House of Commons.

Thereafter the Accounts Book contains only extremely brief entries of Chamberlains' and Bridgemasters' accounts, entered with increasing infrequency. There is one stray account, dated 1730, for the Surveyors of the Highways. This apart, there is so little detail given in these eighteenth century entries that the title of the volume, "Banbury Corporation Records: Tudor and Stuart", seems justified.

Banbury Corporation Accounts

The greater part of this book is devoted to a detailed calendar of the volume generally known as the Banbury Corporation Accounts. This is the sole surviving substantial record of Corporation affairs in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and it is now deposited in the County Record Office at Oxford.¹³

Banbury has been exceptionally fortunate in its historians, if not in the preservation of its records (or buildings). Alfred Beesley's monumental "History of Banbury" was published around 1841-2 (it appeared in sections). This quoted extensively from the Corporation Accounts, as well as from other relevant local and national records. Other records, now missing, were also quoted, though it is evident that even at that time no other significant early records survived apart from the charters.

Early in the 1950's a calendar of the Corporation Accounts Book was made by Dr Brinkworth. This was fortunate, as the book itself was then mislaid for a number of years, during which time contributors to the volume of the Oxfordshire Victoria County History covering the Banbury Hundred were working on the history of Banbury. Thus the two major accounts of the history of the Corporation published in recent years relied on that first calendar. These were a two-part article by R.K. Gilkes, 'Banbury - The Pattern of Local Government, 1554-1835' (originally prepared for the V.C.H.), which was published in "Cake and Cockhorse" (magazine of the Banbury Historical Society);¹⁴ and the Victoria County History itself.¹⁵ One serious result of this is that all their references are to pages in that calendar's three parts,¹⁶ which have little relation to the

13. Oxfordshire Record Office, B.B. XVII/1/1.

14. Vol. 5, no. 1 (Autumn 1971), pp. 3-15, and no. 5 (Spring 1973), pp. 83-95.

15. "The Victoria History of the Counties of England: A History of the County of Oxford", vol. 10, Banbury Hundred, edited by Alan Crossley, published for The Institute of Historical Research by Oxford University Press, 1972. The account of Banbury itself during the Tudor and Stuart periods was mainly contributed by Dr P.D.A. Harvey and Christina Colvin. Particular reference is made to the Corporation Accounts Book (and other sources published here) on pages 8, 41, 59-64, 73-82, 85, 88, 121 and 124-26.

16. A xerox copy of this first calendar is in the Bodleian Library, all three parts bound together, ref. MS. Top. Oxon. c.506.

folio numbers of the original, and none whatever to this records volume. However, the chronological order of this book should make their identification relatively easy.

Fortunately, the original Corporation Accounts Book has now reappeared, and before its deposit in the County Record Office the opportunity was taken by Dr Brinkworth to calendar it afresh, and in greater detail than the first version.

The Original Accounts Book and its Handwriting

The original volume measures approximately $15\frac{1}{2}$ in. x $11\frac{1}{2}$ in. (40cm x 28cm). It is of paper throughout and consists of 218 folios, many of them loose, numbered consecutively some time in the twentieth century. There is one additional loose folio at the start, relating to 1563-4 and lettered 'A'. The two quires of paper purchased for 6d. in 1555-6 "to make a book of our accounts" (page 16) are doubtless part of this volume.

At some stage the volume has been rebound, with a large section of mid-sixteenth century material appearing out of order near the end, and various other pages or parts mis-placed (or, perhaps most confusing of all, merely back-to-front). The binding is of stiff cardboard covered in paper. The spine is covered in leather and there are remains of leather protectors on the corners of the covers.

Most of the handwriting is in a fairly readable, work-a-day, Secretary hand. However in the earlier years the script varies from the calligraphic lists of Corporation members to the scarcely legible scrawl of the notes on apprenticeship bonds and exemptions from market tolls. From about 1650 the writing merges into the Round hand characteristic of the period.

Throughout, there are to be found many points of interest to the palaeographer. The signatures, in particular, are worthy of close study. In general it may be said that this book is a reminder of the great amount of work which is yet to be done on the hands of the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries and not least on what may be called the 'country' hands.

Scope of the Calendar

The aim has been to contain **all** the historical information that would be found in a full transcript, **minus** irrelevant verbiage. All personal names are exactly as in the original, but well-known local place-names are generally modernised. When in the slightest degree necessary the wording of the original has been used, including obsolete words not transferable with exactitude into modern form. A glossary of these has been provided on pages xxii-xxiii. No attempt has been made to indicate when passages have been exactly transcribed. With the advent of cheap Xerox reproduction it is no longer necessary for a calendar to attempt to replace the original, as facsimiles of relevant passages can easily be obtained.

Arrangement

The calendar and associated documents are arranged chronologically by Mayoral year. This commenced on 29th September. Thus the year which started on that date in, for instance, 1628, and which ran to 28th September, 1629, is headed '1628-9'. As far as possible, all material relating to each Mayoral year is included under that heading, even if it is dated later. This applies in particular to the audit, which did of course take place some time after the year end. After 1693 the accounts, mainly Bridgemasters', no longer relate to Mayoral years, so this last part of the volume is merely in chronological order.

Dating

Old Style dating was used throughout the Book of Accounts and other documents quoted. When a date falls between 1st January and 24th March, the New Style year has been added in square brackets: 13 January 1629[/30]. Thus years separated by a stroke (or solidus), '/', refer to Old and New Style, whilst hyphenated dates are of Mayoral years, September to September.

Method

All editorial material is within square brackets. Foliation of the original Book of Accounts is given on each page and wherever a fresh folio commences. Undifferentiated folio numbers (the abbreviation 'f.' being used) refer to the recto page; the verso is indicated by the usual abbreviation 'v' following the number. Deletion in the original is marked 'd.'; interpolation is marked 'i.'; marginalia is marked 'Mg.'. No attempt has been made to alter the arithmetic of the original. Long and widespread experience has taught the editors that clerks, in setting down totals, sometimes had in mind an item or items they had not entered.

Interpretation

It is well to remember that the writers of older records were not doing so for posterity: 'ad hoc' convenience was their concern. So we sometimes have to fall back on what analogous knowledge and enlightened ingenuity we possess.

Other Records

The vicissitudes of the centuries have taken their toll of the Accounts Book, not merely in rebinding, but in the obvious loss of important material seen by Beesley and later historians, quoted or even transcribed by them. It was therefore decided to include copies or calendar versions of this now-missing material. This led in turn to a general widening of the scope of the whole volume.

The original Corporation Accounts Book was itself by no means confined to accounts alone, for Tudor and Stuart town clerks were very different from their orderly-minded nineteenth and twentieth

century successors. The book is, in fact, something of a 'lucky-dip'. Thus it was felt that this would be a good opportunity to publish a number of other short records which related either directly to the Corporation itself or indirectly to the life of the town. Most of these have been consulted and quoted by Beesley, Gilkes and the V.C.H. contributors. Their publication here brings them, often in context, into an easily consulted book with comprehensive indexes. These additional records are listed on pages xx-xxi. They are included in the text in chronological position, under the Mayoral year to which they relate (not necessarily the actual date of the document).

The translations and abstracts of the First (1554) and Second (1608) Charters have been taken from Beesley's "History of Banbury", but for most other matter quoted by him, such as the Charity Decree of 1603 and the Rental of 1606, the original records have been consulted. Beesley's work was almost invariably accurate, but can be misleading, as he often omitted material with no indication that he had done so - comparison of his quotations from the Accounts book itself with the full calendar published here will show the extent of this.

With the exception of the Charters, the additional items are usually calendared in detail and may be close to full transcripts. However, for the exact wording, spelling, capitalisation, etc., the originals should be consulted.

Much of the material published here - whether the Accounts Book or the additional records - has already been analysed and discussed, so the foregoing general introduction has intentionally avoided repetition. Reference should instead be made to "Cake and Cockhorse" and the Victoria County History.

The wealth of information which can be gathered from a book such as this has been shown by the late Shelagh Bond in her meticulous editions of Worcester and Windsor corporation records.¹⁷ It is hoped that the publication of this volume will stimulate similar research and analysis.

17. See "The Chamber Order Book of Worcester, 1602-1650" (Worcestershire Historical Society, N.S. vol.8, 1974) and "The First Hall Book of the Borough of New Windsor, 1653-1725" (Windsor Borough Historical Records Publications, vol.1, 1968). The biographical information given by Mrs Bond in the latter was the inspiration for the Biographical section on pages 299-330. Comparison may also be made with "The First Ledger Book of High Wycombe", edited by R.W. Greaves (Buckinghamshire Record Society, vol.2, 1947), which runs from 1475 to 1734 and so covers virtually the whole period of this book. However all these volumes are of the proceedings and resolutions of the corporations rather than of their accounts.

Lists and Indexes

Perhaps the most important contribution to knowledge of Banbury's history that this volume makes is the identification of the Corporation members and officials. Names of all of these will be found detailed in the Biographical section on pages 299-330, with their years of service. They are likely to be mentioned in most if not all of these years, so the entry for each man in the main index is confined to a cross-reference to this Biographical section. All other personal names are indexed by the Mayoral year in which they occur. References in the Indexes of Place-names and Subjects are also to Mayoral years.

Attention is also drawn to the chronological list of Corporation members, each with date of election as Burgess and promotion to Alderman, with years of Mayoralty, length of service, date of death and occupation (pp.281-87); and to the lists of Mayors, Chamberlains, Bridgemasters and Auditors (pp.288-97). Finally mention may be made of the pedigrees on pages 269-80. These show the relationship of Corporation members and some officers, a special feature of this volume, which, it is believed, has not been attempted before.

Production

Two years ago the actor Leo McKern led a group of friends in a theatrical-cum-musical entertainment, "Take My Advice", presented at Broughton Castle, the home of our President, Lord Saye and Sele, to raise funds for the Banbury Historical Society.

With part of the proceeds a new Smith Coronamatic 2220 electric typewriter was bought for £135. The whole of this volume has been typed on that machine. As can be seen, the typewriter face is perfectly adequate for post-medieval records such as these published here. With its sophistications of a bold face and easy correction (made possible by removable 'cartridges' instead of ribbons), the preparation of clean camera copy for the printer is relatively easy even for a poor typist such as myself. High quality Xerox makes the inclusion of line illustrations, such as decorated initials and signatures, simple and inexpensive.

The total cost of this edition of 250 has been well under a thousand pounds, which for a book of this number of pages compares very favourably with the costs incurred by other record societies. I should be interested to share information on production costs and learn of other economies from those similarly placed.

Conclusion

I am grateful to my co-editor for contributing paragraphs on the original Book of Accounts and its calendaring. However for the faults, omissions and inadequacy of the remainder of this Introduction and for errors in the text and indexes, responsibility rests solely with myself.

J.S.W.G.

RECORDS CALENDARED IN THE TEXT

Date	Record	Source
1554-1741	Banbury Corporation Accounts Book	Oxfordshire Record Office, B.B. XVII/1/1 (described as 'Banbury Town Book').
1553/4	The First Charter	A. Beesley, "History of Banbury", 1841-2, pp. 219-222; original (not consulted) in Public Record Office, Patent Roll (Chancery), 1 Mary, part 10 membrane 34(3).
1554	Proclamation	Beesley, p.222 (text); illustrated in "Borough of Banbury, 1554-1954" (Quater-centenary booklet), p.15 and in William Potts, "A History of Banbury", 1958 (facing p.106); original (not consulted) in possession of Regalia Trustees.
1563-4	Orders and Pains	Originally part of Accounts Book, now lost; earlier calendar; Beesley, pp.231-2.
1565-6	Town Seal	Visitation of Oxfordshire, 1566. Harleian Soc. v, 212; College of Arms transcript by Philipot, vol.49, f.80r.
1572-3	By-Laws	Originally part of Accounts Book, now lost; earlier calendar; Beesley, pp. 234-5.
1574	Will of Thomas Oken of Warwick (extract from)	P.R.O., Prerogative Court of Canterbury (P.C.C.) 17 Martyn, PROB.11/56, f.163v.
1585-6	Rent roll of Quit-rents	P.R.O., E.178/1845. Special Commissions, Oxford, 28 Eliz.
1589-90	Petition to Lord Burleigh re Thomas Brasbridge	British (Museum) Library, Lansdowne MS.64, ff. 43-44v; Beesley, pp. 242-3.
1599-1600	Star Chamber case	P.R.O., STAC 8/82/23.
1602-3	Order and Decree concerning charities	P.R.O., C.93/1/24; Beesley, pp.248-50.
1605-6	Survey of Crown property	P.R.O., L.R. 2/196, ff.178-84; Beesley, pp.251-3.
1605-6	Borough boundary	Originally part of Accounts Book, now lost; earlier calendar; Beesley, pp.253-4.
1607-8	The Second Charter	Beesley, pp.254-58; original (not consulted) in P.R.O., Patent Roll 6 James I, part 19, no.10.
1610-1	Footnote, extract from will of William Tayler, 1630/1	P.R.O., P.C.C. 27 St. John, PROB.11/159 f.212v.
1611-2	By-laws	Beesley, pp. 258-60.
1622-3	Letter from the Mayor to the Council	P.R.O., State Papers (Domestic) 14/139, f.4.
1627-8	Appeal after the Fire	Printed. Taken from photocopy in Bodleian Library, GA Oxon c317/16.
1627-8	Persons relieved by the gift of Coventry	City of Coventry Record Office, Accession 263.
1630-1	Letter from the Mayor to the Council	P.R.O., State Papers (Domestic) 16/191, f.19.

Date	Record	Source
1631-2	Election of High Steward	Beesley, p.282, quoting a document in the possession of the Fiennes family.
1633-4	Borough arms	Visitation of Oxfordshire. Harleian Society v, p.280; checked against original at College of Arms.
1635-9	Ship Money correspondence	P.R.O. State Papers (Domestic) 16/327, f.112; 16/361, f.25; 16/366, f.19; Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I, vol.219, p.159; S.P. 16/367, f.53; f.53,I; 16/368, f.24, f.33, f.45; 16/468, f.123; 16/368, f.100; 16/370, f.18; 16/371,f.10. Calendar of S.P.(Domestic) 25 May 1639.
1638-9	Induction of Vicar	Banbury Parish Register, i, 1558-1653.
1644-6	Authority for Aholiab West to continue as Mayor	Beesley, pp.423-4, quoting House of Lords Journal, 17 June 1646.
1648-9	Induction of Vicar	Banbury Parish Register, i, 1558-1653, flyleaf.
1649-50	Fee Farm rents	P.R.O., E.308/3/26, f.20, no.84; Beesley, pp.445-7, 214; P.R.O., E.307/B3/21; E.307/M1/19.
1651-2	Letter from William Lenthall, Recorder, re poor's annuity	British (Museum) Library, Stowe MS. 184, f.235.
1652-3	Letter from Mayor re Fee Farm rents	British (Museum) Library, Stowe MS. 184, f.160, f.278; 185, f.5.
1652-3	Survey of former Crown property	P.R.O., E.317/8 Oxon.; Beesley, pp.447-48.
1655-6	Sheep pens dispute	P.R.O., E.134/1657-8/H(ilary) 23.
1656-7	Oken charity - visit of Corporation to Warwick	Warwickshire County Record Office, Black Book of Warwick (CR 1618/W. 19/6), f.286.
1664-5	Election of parish clerk	Banbury Parish Register, ii, 1653-1723, flyleaf.
1671-2	Churchwardens' presentment	Oxfordshire Record Soc., x (1928), p.219.
1673-4	Correspondence between the Mayor and the Council re Joseph Stockley	P.R.O., State Papers (Domestic), Entry Book 31, f.135; Car. II 361, f.215, 228.
1680-1	Election petition	House of Commons Journal, 25 March 1681
1683-4	New charter	P.R.O., State Paper Office (SP) Entry Books 44/66, ff.306-8.
1687-8	Removal of Corporation members	P.R.O., Privy Council Registers 2/72, ff.534-5; f.590.
1688-9	Reinstatement of old Corporation	Beesley, p.504.
1689-90	Election petitions	Journal of the House of Commons, 31 March 1690; 16 October 1690; 31 October 1691; 29 Dec. 1691.
1691-2		
1699	Mayoral dispute: Council to J. Welchman, 3 August 1699	P.R.O., Privy Council Register, PC 2/77 (May 1697-June 1699), pp.365-6.
1700	Mayoral dispute: Rev. John Knight to Lord Saye and Sele	Bodleian Library, MS Rawlinson D.892, f.343, letter dated 3 October 1700
1700/1	Banbury election	Journal of the House of Commons, 13 March 1700/1.
Addenda:		
1700/1	Banbury election	Bodleian Library, MS North a.3, f.7.
1705	Banbury election	Journal of the House of Commons, 3 Nov. 1705.

GLOSSARY

- accountant** n. and a. accountable, obs.
In law, the defendant in an action of account, obs.
- answer** v. to repay, obs.
- assistant** a. present, accompanying, obs.
- badger** n. a pedlar; a corn factor
- balliwick** n. a district or place under the jurisdiction of a bailiff; the office of a bailiff
- bate** vb. to reduce, diminish
- beam** n. wool beam: the wooden roller or cylinder in a loom on which the warp is wound before weaving.
common beam: the public standard balance, obs.
- but** ad. only
- caliver** ('couldiver') n. a light musket, obs.
- 'capias'** n. a warrant for arrest
- cates** n. see 'cutts' below
- chequerboard** n. any table, but especially one for making accounts upon; a counter, obs.
- Christ-tide** n. Christmas
- cole (or cull)** vb. to collect
- consideration** n. recompense, remuneration
- convenable** a. agreeing with requirements
- corselet** n. a piece of defensive armour, covering the upper part of the body, obs.
- councillor** n. counsel, legal advocate, obs.
- count** n. account, reckoning, obs.
- counterpane** n. counterpart, copy, duplicate, obs.
- crest** n. an architectural ornament, usually on the top of a piece
- covenant** a. agreeing with requirements
- cutts (or cates)** n. provisions; delicacies, obs.
- dapnet (or dabnet)** n. a baited net for dipping lightly in the water for fish
- distress** n. the legal seizure of a chattel or of goods to constrain the owner to pay money owed by him. The proceeds of their sale. The chattel or goods seized by these processes.
- dividend** n. distribution, obs. A portion or share to receive or pay, obs.
- either** p. each
- engage** vb. to pledge, pawn, mortgage
- estreat (or extract)** n. the record of a fine, bail, etc., to be returned to the Court for prosecution
- feodary** n. retainer, obs.
- fifteenth** n. a tax of one-fifteenth imposed on personal property, obs.
- foreigner** n. stranger
- forgive** vb. to remit a debt, obs.
- forth** prep. out of (rare)
- fray** n. affray, obs.
- furnished** a. equipped, dressed
- gently** ad. courteously, obs.
- good** n. that which is good (the neuter adjective is used positively, passing into a noun), obs.
- goodman** n. husband; prefixed to names of persons under the rank of gentlemen and above that of labourer, obs.
- goodwife** n. obsolete form of 'Mrs.'
- greencloth (Board of)** n. the financial office of the royal household which dealt with estimates of expenditure.
- grives** n. grievances, obs.
- harness** n. armament, military equipment. obs.
- inmate** n. lodger; pauper; stranger, obs.
- issue** n. product
- just** a. exact, obs.
- justify** v. to confirm, verify
- lockestoll** n. cucking or ducking stool
- levation or leviation** n. duty, tax, obs.
- liberty** n. 1. a group of manors, the lord of which held certain privileges granted by the crown.
2. an area outside a borough in which the freeman had certain rights.
- mark** n. a unit of accountancy valued at 13s.4d. Not a coin. obs.
- mede** n. gift
- meet** n. and a. even, quits, obs.
- more** a. greater, obs.
- noble** n. a gold coin worth 6s.8d., replacing the 10s. noble
- pale** n. fenced area, enclosure
- pale** vb. to enclose
- panel** n. 1. small piece of parchment
2. a list
- partition** n. a structure separating rooms or parts of a room
- partlet** n. a neckerchief

- pension money** n. the annual (or other periodical) payment by each member of a society towards its general expenses, obs.
- picage** n. a toll paid for disturbing the ground, driving in stakes, etc., at markets and fairs
- pinfold** n. pound for stray cattle
- pool** n. a common fund into or from which all gains and losses of the contributors are paid
- post** vb. to convey
- procurator** n. the chief clerk of a court of law
- presently** ad. now
- prick** vb. to mark or indicate
- put over** vb. to transfer
- quarter** n. 1. fourth part of a pound weight, obs.
2. fourth part of a hundredweight
3. fourth part of a yard, obs.
- quarterage** or **quartering** n. a place in which something, e.g., a market stall, or someone may be quartered or placed
- 'quietus'** or **'quietus est'** (Latin) n. an official discharge of an account
- ramil** n. rubble
- redstones** n. stones tinted with red, obs.; stones of superior value, obs.; dressed stones, obs.
- repugn** vb. to refuse, obs.; to oppose, obs.
- rerages** n. arrears
- sack** n. general name for white Spanish wine, obs.
- scot** n. 1. a reckoning
2. a local municipal tax, obs.
- seasment** n. assessment, obs.
- sester** n. 1. a pitcher, obs.
2. measure for liquor, obs.
3. brewing vat, obs.
- sestern** n. cistern, i.e. large vessel or basin, obs.
- Sher Thursday** n. Shrove Thursday, i.e. Thursday in Holy Week, obs.
- soil** n. ordure, excrement
- stallage** n. a toll levied for erecting a stall in a fair or market
- standing** n. a position occupied by a stall
- stall** n. a stall
- strike** n. half-a-bushel, bushel, obs.
- strike, town** n. a cylindrical wooden measuring vessel, containing variously a half-bushel, bushel, two or three bushels. The content of the Banbury strike is not at present known. obs.
- sugarloaf** n. a moulded conical mass of hard, refined sugar, obs.
- thel** or **theal** n. a board, plank, obs.
- tumberel** n. dung cart; often identified (though not in this record) with a cucking stool; possibly a cart to take prisoners to the stocks or pillory, obs.
- use** n. 1. the act or fact of using, holding or possessing land or other property so as to derive revenue, profit or other benefit from such.
2. a trust or confidence reposed in a person for the holding of property, etc.; of which another receives or is entitled to the profits or benefits.
3. premium on money lent to another; interest
- voice** n. vote
- warn** vb. to summon, obs.
- watch** n. the watchmen

ABBREVIATIONS

Relating to text:

d.	pence
<u>d.</u>	deleted
<u>Eliz.</u>	Elizabeth (Queen), referring to regnal years
f., ff.	folio (recto), folios
<u>i.</u>	insertion
<u>m.</u> , Mg., mg.	marginalia
Md.	memorandum
r	recto (of folio, but usually omitted)
s.	shillings
v	verso (of folio)

Relating to sources and references:

B.H.S.	Banbury Historical Society
Beesley	"The History of Banbury", by Alfred Beesley, 1841
d.	died
Harl. Soc.	Harleian Society
Oxon. R.S.	Oxfordshire Record Society
p., pp.	page, pages
P.C.B.	Peculiar Court of Banbury
P.C.C.	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
P.R.O.	Public Record Office
Potts	"A History of Banbury" by William Potts, 1958
S.P.	State Papers
V.C.H.	Victoria County History, Oxfordshire, volume 10, Banbury Hundred, 1972

See also abbreviations used in pedigrees, page 270

THE FIRST CHARTER

[Banbury became a free corporate borough by Royal Charter early in the reign of Queen Mary I, out of regard for services rendered by the inhabitants of the town to her in the troubled period before her accession.]

The enrolled Charter is in the Public Record Office, Patent Roll (Chancery), 1 Mary [1553-4], part 10 membrane 34(3). The following abstract is taken from that printed by Alfred Beesley, "**The History of Banbury**", 1841, pp.219-222, but, as throughout this book, spelling and punctuation has generally been modernised, and verbiage omitted.]

Abstract of the Charter, 26 January 1 Mary [1553/4].

The Charter grants to the inhabitants of the town of Banbury that the town shall be a free corporate Borough, consisting of one Bailiff, twelve Aldermen and twelve Burgesses, by the name of the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury; and that the same shall be a corporate body and perpetual community. That they shall be in law capable to acquire and possess lands, etc., to plead and be impleaded, etc., and to have a Common Seal.

The Boundaries, namely:-

"The Borough of Banbury and the circuit and precincts thereof shall hereafter extend and reach as may and may be able to extend and reach as well in length and breadth as in circumference to the bounds metes and limits following, That is to say, From the bridge there called Banbury Bridge situate over the water called Charwell on the east side of the Borough unto the White Cross without the gate called Sugarforde Gate on the west side and from the White Cross to the gate called Saint John's Gate on the south side and from Saint John's Gate to the gate called North Gate on the north side and so to Banbury Bridge, with all lanes, streets, ways, places, enclosures and corners within the aforesaid bounds metes and limits existing and as in the usual manner they are reputed."

Twelve of the better and more honest and discreet inhabitants to be Aldermen of the Borough, which Aldermen shall be able to choose twelve others of the better and more honest inhabitants of the Borough who shall be called Capital Burgesses. And which Bailiff Aldermen and Capital Burgesses shall be the Common Council of the Borough for all things concerning the Borough and the rule and government thereof.

The Common Council to elect the Bailiff annually from among the twelve Aldermen.

Vacancies among the Aldermen to be filled up, by the votes of the Aldermen, from among the Capital Burgesses.

Vacancies among the Capital Burgesses to be filled up by the Common Council from the better, more honest and discreet inhabitants of the Borough.

A Sergeant at Mace to be chosen by the Council, for the execution of processes, orders and other businesses of the Borough. Constables and other necessary officers to be annually chosen.

Power to the Council to ordain wholesome and reasonable statutes and constitutions for the better rule and government of the Bailiff, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses and other officers and inhabitants of the Borough, in order that they may behave themselves in their offices and businesses for the public good and common weal of the Borough, and for other causes and businesses touching or concerning the Borough. Which statutes, etc., were to be inviolably observed; the same not being repugnant or contrary to the laws and statutes of our Realm or to the Prerogative of Us our Heirs and Successors.

"Our beloved William Barnesley, an honest man and an inhabitant of our Borough of Banbury to be first and recent Bailiff." "Our beloved the said William Barnesley, John Hartlett, John Wise, John Longe, William Plomer, Robert Hornesley, John Redshawe, Edward Brightwell, Stephen Wiggett, Richard Fairefeld, Henry Shutwell and John Luter, inhabitants of the Borough of Banbury, to be first and recent Aldermen of the Borough of Banbury so long as they shall behave themselves well in that office." "Our beloved John Lorde, William Parnam, Thomas Butler alias Carter, Edward Bentley, Edmund Glover, Eustace Bosworthe, John Tugges, John Barnesley, Henry Undertrey, Richard More, Roger Jackson and William Dudley" to be Capital Burgesses during good behaviour.

Grant to the Common Council of a weekly Market on Thursday and "Two Fairs or Holidays there annually to be held and kept that is to say One Fair or Holiday there to be held annually on the feast of St. Peter which is called Advinc'la and on the eve and on the morrow of the said feast and Another Fair or Holiday to be there held annually on the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist and on the eve and on the morrow of the said feast together with a court of Piepowder there during the time of the Fairs or Holidays together with stallage, pittance, fines, amercedments and all other revenues" arising from such markets, fairs or holidays and court of Pie Powder, and with all liberties and free customs appertaining or belonging to the same.

Power to hold a Court of Record "before the Bailiff and two Aldermen and two Capital Burgesses and the High Steward of the Borough and Parish of Banbury or the sufficient Deputy of the High Steward for the time being in some Common Hall or other more convenient place in the Borough, to be held on Monday from three weeks to three weeks, concerning all and singular pleas, complaints and actions as well real as personal and concerning debts, compacts, trespasses, agreements, contracts, detentions and contempts done or arising within the Borough of Banbury and the jurisdiction thereof; Provided that these do not exceed the sum or value of Five Pounds; And that such pleas, complaints and actions be there heard and determined according to the law and customs of our City of Coventry."

Power to the Bailiff, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses to hold and enjoy Law Days and Views of Frankpledge of all the inhabitants and residents within the Borough. The same to be held twice in the year,

namely, within a month after the feast of Easter, and within a month after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, before the Bailiff and two Aldermen and two Burgesses, and the High Steward or his Deputy.

The Bailiff to be Clerk of the Market.

One Justice of the Peace to be annually chosen from among the Aldermen by the Common Council. To have the same powers within the Borough as a county justice within the county.

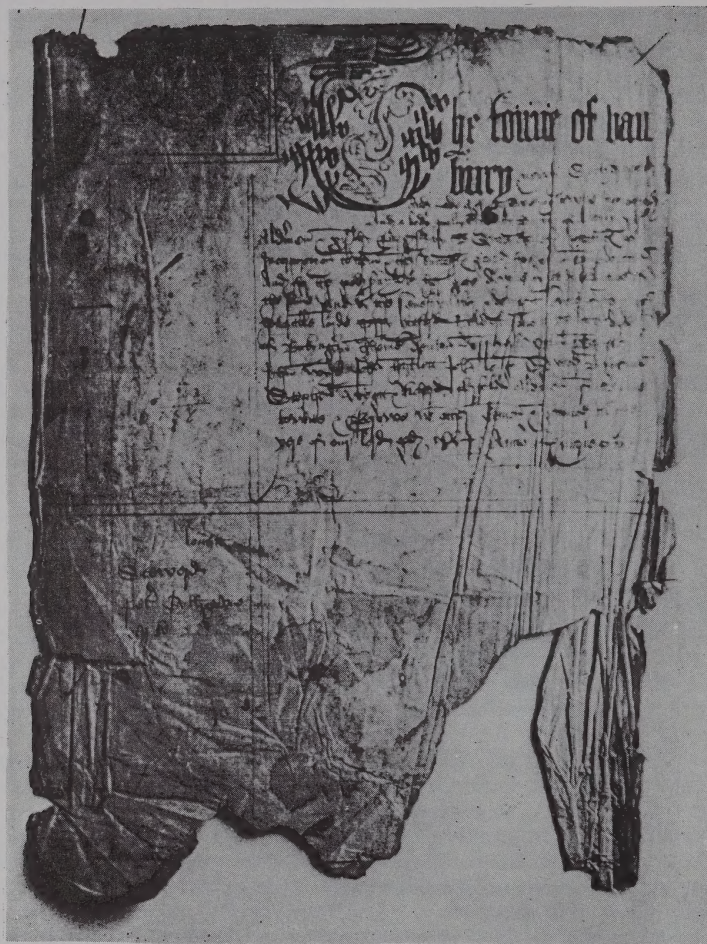
Forfeitures, waifs and estrays, assise and assay of Bread, Wine, and Ale, profits of the Fairs and Market, etc., to belong to the Corporation; the sum of £6.13s.4d. being annually paid by them to the Queen's Exchequer.

Power to acquire lands, privileges, etc., within the Borough, not held immediately of the Queen in chief or by military service, and not exceeding the annual value of twenty pounds.

"Moreover We will and for Us our Heirs and Successors by these presents, We grant and ordain that there may and shall be in the Borough of Banbury one Burgess of our Parliament and that of our heirs and successors and that the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury and their successors upon our Writ and that of our heirs and successors concerning the election of a Burgess of Parliament directed to them may and shall have power, authority and means of electing and nominating one discreet Burgess of the Borough to be a Burgess of our Parliament and that of our heirs and successors for the Borough and that they shall send the Burgess thus elected at the burden and costs of the Borough and Parish and the same community to our Parliament and that of our heirs and successors, whensoever it shall be then holden in the same manner and form as in other boroughs of our realm of England it has been usual and customary; Which Burgess thus elected and chosen we will to be present and to stay at our Parliament and that of our heirs and successors at the burden and costs of the Borough and Parish of Banbury and the community during the time in which such Parliament may happen to be held in like manner and form as other Burgesses of Parliament for other boroughs or other borough whatsoever within our realm of England do or have been accustomed to do; And which Burgess in such our Parliament and that of our heirs and successors shall have his voice as well affirmative as negative and shall there do and perform all and singular other things which other Burgesses or other Burgess of our Parliament for whatsoever other boroughs or other borough shall have, do and perform or may be able and have power to have, do or perform in whatsoever manner and form."

The Corporation to have these letter patent under the Great Seal without fine or fee.

"At Westminster on the 26th day of January. - By Writ of Privy Seal."



[The earliest document formerly in the possession of the Corporation, illustrated opposite, was issued on the occasion of the grant of the first Charter of Incorporation to the Borough by Queen Mary in 1554. It was clearly drawn up by the same scrivener that wrote up the early entries in the Book of Accounts.]

The Town of Banbury newly erected, created and made a free borough and a town incorporated and a body politic by the name of a Bailiff, 12 Aldermen and 12 High Burgesses by the Queen's letters patent of incorporation to them and their successors granted for ever in consideration and for the good service to her Grace done by the inhabitants of the same. And by the ... labour and diligent suit of the right honourable Lord Harry Staford, the eldest son to the late Duke of Buckingham, Thomas Denton esquire, William Barnsley, John Wyse, John Hartlett, John Longe, Edward Bryghtwen, Stephen Wygat, and Richard Ferfeld, aldermen of the same town and borough with others.

Given and granted, 1554, 1 Mary.

[John] Lovett, Steward
Peter Gyll, Town Clerk



Detail (reduced) from f.1 of the Book of Accounts, showing the decorated initial 'N' and the names of the first five aldermen.

[The earliest entries in the **Book of Accounts** were probably made at the same time as, or soon after, the grant of the charter, January 1553/4. The names of the first aldermen are listed on f.1v, the first burgesses on f.2, and a long list of freemen, from f.2v to 4v, follows.

On f.1v the names of William Barnsley, John Wysse and William Pernand are preceded by a rough cross, probably indicating that they had died.]

[f.1v] [m] Aldermen

[A decorated initial] The names of aldermen and high burgesses.

William Barnsley
John Hartlett
John Wysse
John Longe
William Bayly

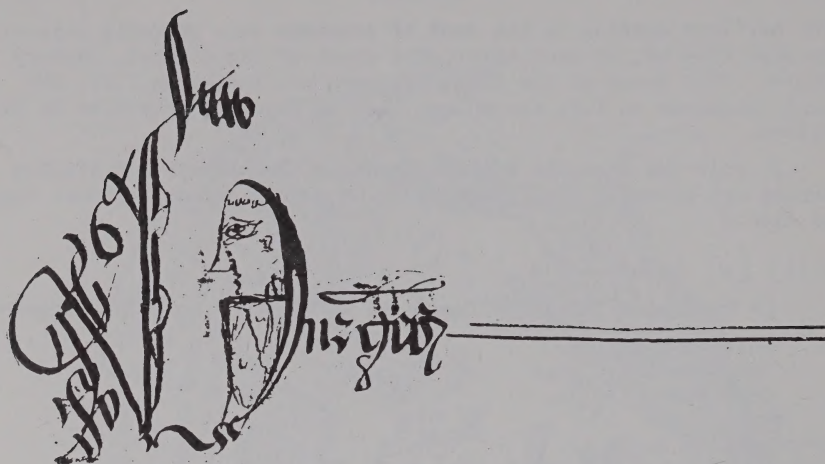
[The following six names are crossed through, and re-listed in the order shown on the right, which is the order in which they occur in the charter.]

John Redshawe
Edward Bryghtwell
Robert Hornsley
Henry Shutelworth
Stephen Wygatte
Richard Ferfeld

Robert Hornse
John Redshawe
Edward Bryghtwell
Stephen Wigat
Richard Ferfeld
Henry Shuttlyll

John Lutter

William Pernand [written in a contemporary but much less formal hand]



[f.2] [A decorated initial (above)] Burgesses

[The first twelve names listed on the left are written in a formal hand. Several, as indicated, are crossed through, and replaced by much less formally written names. Those of Edmund Glover, John Barnsley, and Henry Undertre, are preceded by crosses, probably indicating that they had died.]

[William Pernand, d]

[Richard More, d]

[Eustace Bosworthe, d]

Edmund Glover

Thomas Carter

[Edward Pentlyn, d]

[John Jugges, d]

John Barnsley

Henry Undertre

[William Dudley, d]

[Roger Jacson, d]

John Lord

[Thomas Butler, d]

Edward Pentlen

[Eustace Bosseworth, d]

Richard More

[Richard More, d]

[Roger Jackson, d] William Dudley

[William Dudley, Roger Jacson, d]

[Again the names have been relisted in the order shown in the charter, except that John Lord comes first there. Beesley appears to have mis-transcribed 'Jugges' as 'Tugges' - however the spellings Pentlyn and Bentley were inter-changeable.]

[The last two names are entered in a contemporary but much less formal hand:]

Richard West, sworn

Thomas Ockford, sworn

[2v] Names of freemen

[m] Edward Cope, esquire
 Thomas Fysher, esquire
 Thomas Denton, esquire
 George Davers, esquire
 John Lovett, Steward of Banbury
 Peter Gyll, Town Clerk of the Incorporation]

William Weston	Robert Hadley, dead	John Wod, void
Henry Halhed	Mathew Layne	William Tomlynson
Richard Weste	Bartholomew Skellfeld	Richard Alen, dead
Christopher Mosse	Simon Wykham	Robert Catrowe
Robert Vyverse	John Fernand	Richard Steward, dead
Anthony Hyll	William Gevys	Richard Johnes
John Myles	John Davy	John Benson, void
Agnet' Symond	William Beynard	John Bowner
John Walsall, junior	Peter Gyll	John Wylshyre

[f.3]

William Downe	John Rounde	Richard Peke
John Barowe	Thomas Raser, void	John Leyland
William Robynson	William Pyttes	William Bosse
William Welffare	John Byshoppe	John Walsall, senior,
Robert Hall	Henry Robynson, dead	dead
John Molle	Walter Camden, dead	Thomas Vyncent, dead
Robert Tymmys, dead	Robert Heyword	John Doune, void
John Eyres	Thomas Hygges	Nicholas Gudyere, void
John Robertes	Thomas Lovell	Richard Pyrryn
John Barowe, junior	Richard Gybbyns	Thomas Long
Thomas Leyburne	Edmond Higwod	

[f.3v]

John Vyvers	William Hyll	William Davy
Richard Nayler, dead	William Swgenerell	Thomas Hobbe
William Brasbryge	Thomas Mumford, dead	Robert Bradwall
Edward Palmer	Thomas Pytman	Hugh Davy
Robert Potter, dead	William Copland	Thomas Payne, dead
Thomas Sanderes	Roger Brynknell	Thomas Justes
John Shuttyll, dead	George Pyner	John Gevys, dead
Thomas Dykes	William Wylliamson	William Tymcoke
Thomas Whyte	Richard Wryght	Nicholas Puddyll
Thomas Broune, dead	Goodwin Thymbyll	John Fardam, dead
Thomas Mores		

[The names of John Gevys and John Fardam are preceded by an upright cross mark, and so is that of John Lokwod below.]

[f.4]

Baldwin Bygar	Thomas Nicalles	John Knyght
Richard Clarke	Thomas Austen	Henry Hyll
Robert Turner	John Norres	Henry Smythe
Peter Hewes	John Goldynge	William Davy
Robert Shepe, dead	John Lokwod, dead	William Man

[f.4]

Richard Pereson
 Roger Synger
 Robert Smythe
 Thomas Mobe
 John Warner
 John Wood, vacant

Thurstan Chadwyke
 Thomas Devytt, dead
 Richard Hewes
 Christopher Bowdre
 Christopher Thornton,
 dead

Thomas Byshope
 Thomas Sanderes
 Humfrey Barker
 William Welffare
 Robert Cattrow
 William Long

[f.4v]

Peter Hatton
 Matthew Layne, void
 John Mason
 George Chery
 Thomas Hethe, dead
 Gregory Sawden, void

William Good
 Roger Coke
 Richard Bennett,
 junior
 William Mathewe
 William Norres

Henry Pylkynton
 Edward Marsche, void
 William Fawdre
 Richard Bennyte, sworn,
 void
 [Mathew Long, d]

Robert Cattrow
 gyttefens ligois vacat
 joffet mason
 bogynub offy
 offont gette apertund
 bogynub funder vacat
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1554 - 1556

[The first Corporation accounts are those of John Long, who was Bailiff in 1555-6. However preceding these, on f.6v and 6, are six memoranda of apprenticeship bonds, dating retrospectively from between 1550 and 1554, and entered variously in the times of William Barnsley and John Long, Bailiffs. It seems possible that Barnsley continued as Bailiff until September 1555, as no other name is known for 1554-5.]

[f.6v] Thomas Mayowe [m Mayo], son of William Mayowe, lately of Bosworth, Leicestershire, to John Myles of Banbury, shoemaker.* For ten [in error for seven?] years from St. Michael's day preceding, 4 Edw. VI [1550]. At the end of the period to receive two suits and 3s.4d. Dated 'in the time of William Barnsley, Bailiff, John Barnsley and Roger Jacson, chamberlains'.

John Alen [m Allen], lately of Banbury, to William Tymcokes [m Tymcock] of Banbury, shoemaker. For seven years from St. Michael's day preceding, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. At the end of the period to receive two suits and annually 2d. Dated 'in the time of William Barnsley, Bailiff, John Barnsley and Roger Jacson, chamberlains'.

William Jacson [m Jackson], lately of Gysbrook [now Gisburn], Yorkshire, to William Tymcokes of Banbury, shoemaker. For seven years from St. Michael's day preceding, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. At the end of the period to receive two suits and annually 4d. Dated 'in the time of William Barnsley, Bailiff, John Barnsley and Roger Jacson, chamberlains'.

[f.6] Thomas Collyns [m Collens], son of John Collyns of Wardington, Oxon., to Roger Jacson [m Jackson] of Banbury, blacksmith. For seven years from Pentecost preceding, 1 Mary [1554]. At the end of the period to receive two suits of clothes and 13s 4d. Dated 'in the time of William Barnsley, Bailiff'.

George Medylton [m Middleton], son of Henry Medylton of Newynton Mill, to Richard Peke [m Peek], of Banbury, tailor. For seven years from St. Michael's day preceding, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. At the end of the period to receive two suits and annually 2d. Dated 'in the time of John Longe, Bailiff, and John Barnsley and Roger Jacson, chamberlains'.

John Halford, late of [blank], Warwickshire, to Thomas Whyte [m White] of Banbury, tailor. For seven years from Christmas day preceding, 7 Edward VI [1553]. At the end of the period to receive two suits and 40s. Dated 'in the time of John Long, Bailiff, John Barnsley and Roger Jacson, chamberlains'.

* When Thomas Mayowe was buried, on 11 July 1575, he was described as 'Thomas Mayhowe alias Myles'.

1555-6

[These accounts of John Longe, Bailiff for 1555-6, are by far the most detailed in the whole volume, the only comparable ones being the succeeding accounts of Henry Shuttilworth, for 1557-8. Thereafter the chamberlain seems to have been responsible for such day-to-day receipts and expenditure, and no records survive.]

[f.168] The account of John Longe, made 14 November 3 and 4 Philip and Mary [i 1556].

	£	s	d
Received 4 October for the whole toll of the markets	13	4	
Of Hugh Sly for old timber of the pillory			6
Of old wood that was left of the Church House			4
For toll in the markets, 11 October		6	0
Of my cousin Barnsley in ready money	1	0	0
On St. Luke's Day for the toll of our fair	17	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
25 October for the toll in the markets		10	
On All Hallows' Eve for the toll in the markets	2	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 November for the toll of the markets	6	1	
15 November for the toll of the markets	3	3	$\frac{1}{2}$
Of Joynor the carrier to be free for one stall to sell his fish upon		5	0
Of my cousin Barnsley for the estreats of the Court	1	5	6
22 November for the toll in the markets		5	1
29 November for the toll in the markets		2	1
6 November [sic] for the toll in the markets		5	2
Of William Dudley and Hugh for the toll upon St. Luke's Day [i.e. 18 October] for the horse market	1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
13 December for the toll in the market	5	6	
Of two wenchcs, 11 shirt collars, and a partlett, and in money		1	0
For tolls in the markets [4 January d] 20 December	3	4	$\frac{1}{2}$
[f.168v] For toll in the markets, 4 January			4
For the fees of a writ		1	0
For the forfeits of a hide of a butcher on scot		1	0
For the toll in the markets, 10 January		3	2
For the fees of a writ served upon John Copland and William Copland		2	0
For the toll in the markets, 17 January			7
Of John Lutter and John Davys for the fees of a writ		2	0
Of William Weston and Robert Vyvers for the fees of two writs		2	4
For the toll in the markets, 24 January		1	6
For the toll in the markets, 31 January		2	2
Of my cousin Barnsleye for the freedom of one shop in the Parsons Lane that Vadry the fuller occupies		6	8
For the toll in the markets, 7 February		1	10
Of the Company when Stephen Wygatt and I went to London	1	14	8
For the toll of the markets, 14 February		1	9
For the toll in the markets, 21 February		1	0
For the toll in the markets upon the Fish Fair day	2	0	3

[f.168v]	£	s	d
For other things	3	0	
For the toll of the markets, 7 March	1	7	
For the toll in the markets, 21 March	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For toll in the market, 14 March	2	0	
Of Lankecher for a fray that he made in my cousin Barnsleye's court	1	8	
For toll in the markets, 28 March	2	7	
For the fees of a writ of John Lutter	1	0	
For the toll in the markets, 4 April	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Of Fawdre the fuller, for his freedom of his shop	6	8	
[f.169] Of Richard Weste at the making of him free	13	4	
Of Nicholas Gudere for the fees of a writ	1	0	
For the toll in the markets on Shere Thursday	1	8	
For the toll in the markets, 18 April	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the toll in the markets, 25 April	4	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Of Mathew Lane for him and wife for the fees of a writ	1	0	
For toll in the markets, 2 May	11	1	
For toll in the markets, 9 May	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For toll in the markets, 16 May	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the forfeit of leather upon Ascension Day, Stokes and Dentton	1	0	
9 jerkins and doublets on Ascension Day [sign perhaps indicating an undefined sum]			
For toll on Ascension Day	2	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
For toll of the market, 30 May	12	1	
For toll in the market, 6 June	10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
For a carcass of a sheep that [was on?] Bernard Hopknes stall	2	6	
For the toll of the markets, 14 June	3	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
For the toll of the markets, 20 June	10	6	
For the toll of the markets, 27 June	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the toll of the markets, 4 July		11 $\frac{1}{4}$	
For the toll of the markets, 11 July	3	6	
For the toll in the markets, 18 July	1	9	
For the toll in the markets, 25 July	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the fees of a writ of Mr Weston the elder	1	8	
For the fees of a writ of Mr Weston the younger	1	8	
For the toll in the fair on Lammas, 1 August	12	0	
For the toll in the markets, 8 August	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the toll in the markets, 15 August	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the toll in the markets, 22 August	11		
[f.169v] For toll in the market, 29 August		8	
For the toll of the markets, 6 September		7	
For the toll in the markets, 14 September	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
For the toll of the markets, 21 September	2	0	
For the toll of the markets, 26 September	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Of Joan Warbarton for the fees of a writ	1	8	
Of Goodwife Plomar for the fees of a writ that was Pare's	8	4	
Of Richard Benett for part of his freedom	5	0	

[f.169v]

	£	s	d
Of the inhabitants of the Sheep Market for their pens before their doors		7	0
By amercements of our courts, as appears by a bill of the estreats		9	2
Of Richard Benett for part of his freedom		5	0
Of amercements of the court, 22 April, as appears by a bill		6	8
Of amercements of the clerk of the markets' court		5	10
For the stalls set by the year	1	19	0
Of Vadry, fuller, for the rest of his shop		6	8
Of the Chamberlain in ready money	1	5	8
Of Weste in money		3	4

The Charges

For taking down of the pillory			2
To the carpenter for the working of the pillory and at our Hall for six days and nights		6	8
To the masons for the taking down of the pillory and working down of the partitions of our Hall		2	2
To the gatherers of the toll in the markets, 4 October		1	0
For a gallon and a half of wine and a hundred pears when Master Kemsswell and Mr Fysher were at the Castle at our first court		2	8
For half-a-dozen of sixpenny nailes that were overpaid at our Hall		2	4
[f.170] To the gatherers of toll in the market		1	1
To Ralph Plesto and his wife and the bellman and his wife for carrying stone and ramyl out of our Hall and serving the paviours		1	4
To the paviours for ninety-six yards of the Market Place	12		4
To Ralph Plesto for his labour and carriage of timber			4
To William Joynar for making the frame at the Hall for the King's arms		2	4
To Peter Gyll for his costs to Mr Deynton's			3
For two pounds of candles			6
To Nicholas Sturgon for working five days and nights		4	6
To Nicholas Sturgon for five quarters of his own timber		2	4
To Hugh Davye for his work at our Hall		1	4
To Thomas Moryson and Roger Dryver for work at the Hall		1	0
To Richard Jones for two strike of lime		1	0
To Robert Hornsley for certain timber, as appears by a bill	2	9	4
To Nathaniel Jhon for carrying of timber of the cage from the Castle			6
For a lock for our Hall door		1	0
For six couple of cheeses that were sent to London to Stephen Wygatt and Richard Fearfelld			8
[f.170v] For three couple of capons bought in the Market and sent up to London to Stephen Wygatt and Richard Fearfelld			8

[f.170v]

	£	s	d
To Edward Marche for carrying the cheeses and the capons		2	8
To Richard Hulle for sawing of certain quarters			2
To John Lewtter in money that he lent to Richard Feyrfelld and Stephen Wigat at London	2	0	0
For the Sergeant to Oxford when he carried the indentures and			
To the Sheriff for the Burgess of the Parliament			6
For half a pound of marmalade and in apples and biscuits, a pottel of red wine and one pottel of sack		2	0
To Ellen Bowton for the wearing of her husband's gown		1	0
At the coming of Mr John Frogmarton, in the evening for five quarts of wine, apples, biscuits, marmalade		2	8
To Goodwife Bennettes for Mr Frogmarton's dinner and his men's in the morning		15	0
For twenty oranges and half a pound of marmalade when William Plomer and John Longe went thither to Mr Denton's at Christmas		1	4
For two quires of paper to make a book of our accounts			6
For five days' work of two men to make the kockestoll		8	4
To John Awod for making certain staples and hooks for the kockestoll		2	0
For setting up the cage, to Nicholas Sturgon and John Carpenter		6	8
To Thomas Yoyke for carrying the timber of the cage to the Court Hall from the Castle			6
For making the wheels and a thelle to make them		1	8
For a piece of ash to Nicholas Sturgon for the kockstoll			6
For a couple of hens that were given Mr Loytt at London			10
For three quarts of claret wine and a quart of Malmesey and for apples at Mr Kemesswell's being here, 5 February		1	4
For a gallon of wine when Mr Luce and Master Fynes were here at Dycher and Bramley plays		1	0
For the charges of the Bailiff and Stephen Wygat at London, for them and their horses, three days		10	0
For Mr Louvtt's dinner at Ouessbrydge			6
To Mr Bartram, a councillor of Gray's Inn for his counsel in the Corporation		3	4
To Mr Auditor's clerk for his pains		1	8
To the King's minstrels at my cousin Barnsley's		4	0
For a gallon of wine given to the Bishop of Lincoln		1	0
[f.171] For the Sergeant's costs, going to Master Denton's and to Mr Kemsswell for their letter to Master Auditor		1	1
For certain wine that we had to Deddington when we should have met Master Deynton		1	1
To Stephen Wygatt for his costs when he went up to London with Master Denton's and Mr Kemsswell's letter to Mr Tomson, Auditor			
For the £2.4.0 and the suits of the courts		12	6
	[no entry]		

[f.171]

	£	s	d
For the carriage to the carters for carrying of three loads of timber of the tree that Mr Kemesswell gave towards the pageant		3	6
To Stephen Wygatt in money that he paid to Mr Tomsson and his clerk	2	5	0
To Mr Schampion for his counsel in the Corporation		3	4
For a gallon of claret wine when Mr Raynford and Mr Gybynes sat here in communication between Mr Cornwall and John Warbarton			6
For making the Castle wall again that was broken down at having out the cage			4
To Mr Gregory of Coventry for his counsel in the Corporation	2	0	
To Neithrop men for carrying the tree that Mr Cope gave to our pageant			6
For bread and ale and other eates at the Court dinner as more plainly appears by a bill	1	4	0
For mending the cage and slatte and crest and workmanship			8
For two horse locks for the cage door and the stocks	1	8	
For the carriage of Bernard Hopkynes to the jail at Oxford		2	4
To Mr Denton for his half year's fees	1	8	
For a gallon of claret wine we gave Sir William Raynisford at our play	1	0	
For a pottel of claret wine that we gave Mr Foxe at the play			6
For two gown clothes to Mr Harttlett, one for the Sergeant and another for the Clerk	2	4	0
For mending and gilding our mace		5	0
For a pottel of claret wine when the High Sheriff was here			6
For the Undersheriff's breakfast at the Swan with my brother Wyse			11
To my cousin Barnesleye for the charges of my Lord Chief Justice, being in Banbury	12	4	
For wine and marmalade and biscuits at the same time	5	4	
For mending the lock of our Hall door			2
To Mr Attorney, for his fees against young Weston		6	8
To the Sergeant, for his wages		6	8
For players' gear that we bought at Coventry	1	0	0
To the Queen's majesty	6	13	4

[f.171v] Money delivered of the Occupations towards the pageant

Of the Butchers	10	0	Of the Glovers	6	8
Of the Shoemakers	9	6	Of the Mercers	8	3
Of the Carpenters	7	2	Of the Tailors		
Of the Barkers and Saddlers	5	0	and Drapers	10	0
Of the Weavers	5	0	Of the Smiths	5	0
Of Robert Stafford		8	Of the Bakers	4	0



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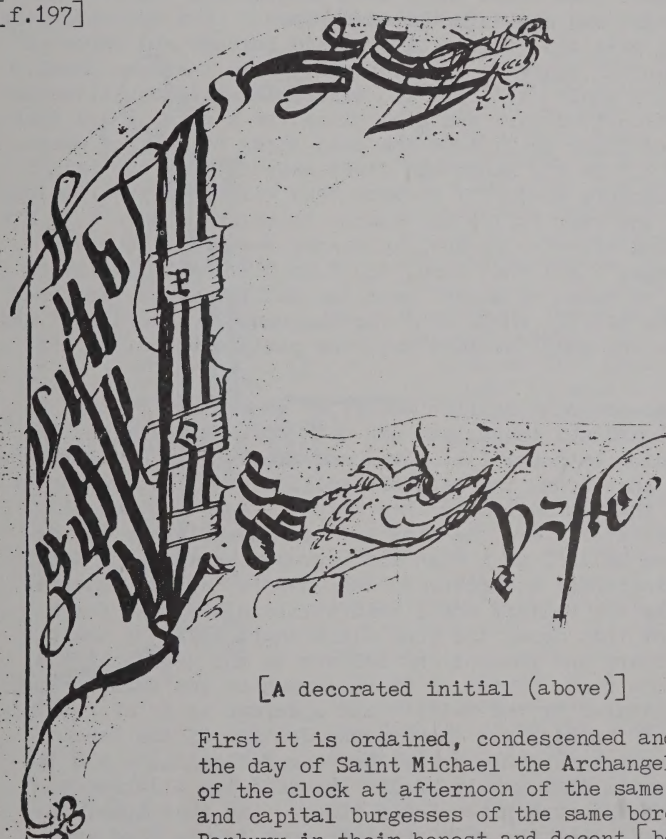
1557-8

[There is no record of who succeeded John Long as Bailiff, for the year 1556-7. It may have been John Hartlett, a senior Alderman, who in 1566 is mentioned as a former Bailiff, and who is not otherwise accounted for.]

[f.196v] [a decoration - opposite]

Banbury Book of Orders, Enrollments, Constitutions and Decrees devised by Henry Shuttylworth, now Bailiff of the Borough of Banbury, concluded by the whole consent of the aldermen and burgesses of the same by virtue of the Queen's Majesty's Letters Patent of incorporation to them and their successors granted as hereafter follows, and established by law to endure from time to time. Made 14 May, 1558.

[f.197]



[A decorated initial (above)]

First it is ordained, condescended and agreed that on the day of Saint Michael the Archangel yearly at one of the clock at afternoon of the same day the aldermen and capital burgesses of the same borough and town of Banbury in their honest and decent [best - d.] apparel shall come unto the house of the Bailiff and there and

from thence attend upon the said Bailiff unto the Parish Church. And there in the said Church the Bailiff, aldermen and capital burgesses shall [kneel before the sacrament and make their prayers - d.] [there

[f.197] make their prayers - i.] unto Almighty God. And that done, the Bailiff with all his brethren and officers shall go from thence in order unto the Town Hall of the said borough, and they shall set themselves orderly according to the ancients of their places; and that done the Bailiff or one other by his commandment shall openly declare unto the said Company there assembled in manner of an oration the cause of the assembly. And after the said declaration made, the Town Clerk of the said borough for the time being shall stand upon the chequerboard [bareheaded - d.] having in his hand a paper or book wherein shall be written [by the consent of the Bailiff and Justice - d.] the names of two of the aldermen of the said borough to be nominated by the Bailiff, and the most part of the aldermen that shall stand in election to be Bailiff for the year following. Which said paper or book the said Town Clerk shall then present and deliver unto the Bailiff and point and shew him the same names. And thereupon the said Bailiff shall make the Justice of the said Borough and three of the eldest aldermen not being in election privy unto the same names. And then the Bailiff shall [gently - d.] desire the said two aldermen appointed in election to depart and give place for a time. And that done, the said Town Clerk shall take the said paper or book of names [so agreed upon - i.] in his hands and first secretly ask the Bailiff and the Justice pleasure severally to whom they will give their voices to be Bailiff for the year following, and so to prick [them - d.] [him who the i.] and after to go in like manner severally to every alderman and burgess. And that done, the Town Clerk shall deliver the paper or book of names so marked unto the Bailiff again, and immediately after the Bailiff shall send for the new elected Bailiff and the other aldermen and shall declare unto the newly elected Bailiff then elected.

[f.197v] And then the said Bailiff yearly so chosen shall stand before the chequer board and there take his oath to be Bailiff for the year following, which oath shall be given and declared unto him by the Town Clerk. And that done, the said old Bailiff shall remove out of his place and put the new Bailiff in his place. And then the old Bailiff shall immediately take the King and the Queens' mace and deliver it to the new Bailiff as a sign and representation of the King, and the Queen's lieutenant according to the Queen's Letters Patents, which said mace the new Bailiff shall hold still in his hand for a certain time. And that done, the Town Clerk shall stand up again upon the chequer board and present and deliver to the new Bailiff a paper or book of the names of two of the aldermen of the said borough to be likewise nominated by the Bailiff and aldermen as is aforesaid for the election of the King and the Queens' Justice of the Peace within the said borough of Banbury for the year following. And the said new Bailiff shall then gently desire the said two aldermen so named to take pains and give place for a time. And that done, the said Town Clerk shall take the said paper or book in his hand and shall secretly ask the new Bailiff and the Justice privily to whom they will give their voices to be Justice for the year following and prick them accordingly. And after shall likewise know the minds of every alderman and burgess as afore for the election of the Bailiff.

[f.197v] And that done the said Town Clerk shall bring the said paper or book unto the said Bailiff and bench, and that by them perused the new Justice chosen shall be called in and take his oath [as the Bailiff did - d.] [according to his office - i.] and shall take the place of the old Justice. And that done, the whole bench shall proceed to the election of two auditors for the town and court, the Town Clerk, the Sergeant of the Mace, the two constables, four tithingmen, two ale tasters, two chamberlains, two searchers of leather and all other officers necessary for the town and court to serve for the year following. And that done, all the whole Company shall accompany forth the Bailiff to his house, and then the Justice so newly elected to his house. [Mg.] Election of auditors, Town Clerk, the Sergeant, court, etc.; the election of auditors to be present upon the old Bailiff's oath to accept.

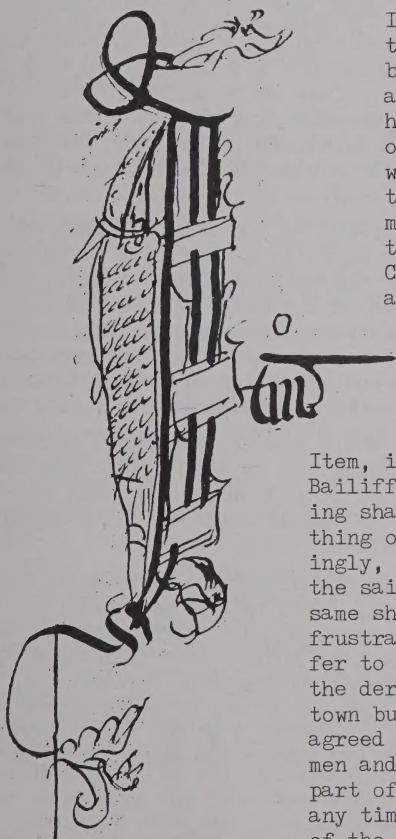
[f.198]

[A decorated initial (left)]

Item, it is further ordered and agreed that the Bailiff of the said town and borough of Banbury for the time being, after his oath taken, shall not absent himself forth of the said town at any one time above the space of seven days without his lawful deputy to be admitted by the whole consent of the aldermen and burgesses, or the more part of them, upon pain of forfeiting to the Chamber of the said town £2; and if he absent himself under the number of

these days then the Bailiff himself to make a deputy such as he shall think mete for whom he will answer.

Item, it is ordained and decreed that the Bailiff of the same borough for the time being shall not do any manner of act or acts, thing or things advisedly, wittingly or willingly, whereby the liberties or franchises of the said borough or the incorporation of the same shall be repealed, impaired, hurted, frustrated or made void, nor shall do or suffer to be done to his knowledge any thing to the derogation of the liberties of the said town but such as shall be condescended and agreed upon by the whole consent of the aldermen and burgesses of the same, or the more part of them. And if he do the contrary at any time, to pay and forfeit to the Chamber of the same town £10 and to lose both his office of Bailiff and also all his liberties and franchises within the said town and from



[f.198] thenceforth to be judged as a foreigner.

Item, it is further ordered that the Bailiff of the said town for the time being during the time of his office shall not at any time walk abroad within the town about the execution of his office or in the company or entertainment of any honorable or worshipful person or persons without his gown upon pain of forfeiting for every such default so made [6s.8d. - d.] [3s.4d. - i.] to the use of the Chamber of the said town, the same money to be levied of him by the Chamberlain of the same town [by way of distress - i.] within four days next after any such forfeit by distress to be levied of his goods and chattels to be praised in court and leviation therein made.

[f.198v] Item, it is ordained and agreed upon that every one of the aldermen of the said town for the time being shall be ready at all times upon reasonable warning to them given to attend upon the Bailiff or his deputy and Justice of the said town as well for good orders to be taken and made by them or the more part of them for the common wealth and commodity of the same town and borough as also for the punishment of offenders and transgressors within the said town and liberties thereof; and if any of them refuse so to do or obstinately repugn thereat, that then he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay unto the Chamber of the said town 3s.4d. for every such offence and misdemeanour, to be levied of their goods and chattels as is before expressed [a day of imprisonment - d.].

Item, it is ordered and agreed that if any of the said aldermen of the said town do advisedly, willingly and wilfully at any time or times hereafter by act or deed any thing or things to the molestation, loss, hurt or hindrance of the Incorporation of the said town or borough or the liberties thereof, that then every such offender shall by the discretion of the more part of the aldermen and burgesses lose not only of aldermanship but also his freedom and liberties of the said town, and ever after to be reputed and taken as a foreigner.

Item, it is ordered and decreed that every one of the said aldermen for the time being shall endeavour themselves as much as in them shall lie to be of quiet and honest behaviour both in word and deed, or else to be removed out of his said office by the discretion of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses or the more part of them.

Item, it is further ordered that if by any alderman of the said town at any time hereafter do absent himself forth of the said town and Council for the space of three weeks together without reasonable cause or licence had of the Bailiff for the time being, that then he or they so offending shall forfeit to the Chamber of the said borough, £2, to be levied by the Chamberlain of the borough by way of distress of his goods and chattels of him or them so offending, and for want of payment to be praised and sold in manner and form aforesaid [as it is said upon the Bailiff - d.].

[f.199] And further it is ordered that none of the said aldermen shall vex, sue or disquiet any other of his Company in any of the King and Queens' majesties' courts or in any other court or place within the said town or without for any matter or cause that may lawfully be

[f.199] determined among themselves [within the said town or in the court of the said town - d.] without the licence of the said Bailiff for the time being, and Justice. And if any of them find himself grieved for any matter with any of his said Company that then he or those so agrieved shall complain unto the Bailiff and Justice of the said town and shall stand unto such order touching their said grieves as the said Bailiff and Justice and the more part of the said aldermen for the time being upon hearing of such controversies shall take therein and if any disobey that their order that then he or they so offending to have one day of imprisonment and to be deposed from his aldermanship unto such time as he hath made submission and knowledged his offence and to pay for his fine 6s.8d. to the use of the Chamber of the said town, to be levied and paid in manner and form aforesaid.

Item, it is ordered that the aldermen of the same town and every of them shall wear every Sunday and holy day in the year and at all such times as they shall attend upon the Court or Bailiff a gown, upon pain of forfeiting to the Chamber of the same town for every such offence, 3s.4d., to be levied and paid as is above limited and appointed for other offences.

Item, it is ordered and decreed that no manner of person or persons being an inhabitant within the said town of Banbury shall sue, vex or molest one another of them in any the King and the Queens' majesties' courts or elsewhere out of the Court of Banbury as long as they may have undelayed right and speedy justice within the said town and their matters [to be - d.] determined there upon pain of one day's imprisonment and to pay and forfeit to the Chamber of the same town £1 for every such offence to be paid and levied as is aforesaid.

Item, it is ordered and decreed that all the head burgesses of the said town and borough of Banbury for the time being shall observe, fulfil and keep as well all such ordinances, laws and constitutions as be made, expressed and declared in this present book as also all such as shall hereafter be made touching and concerning the aldermen of the same town and that none of the said burgesses shall violate or break any of the said ordinances upon suchlike pains and forfeiture as be mentioned for the aldermen of the said town so offending, and their offence to be levied and paid in like manner as is aforesaid.

[f.199v] Item, it is ordered and decreed that there shall be elected and chosen yearly two wardens of every company or occupation within the said borough for the better governance, utility, good order of the same, and that the wardens of every of the said occupations with the rest of the several companies shall have power and authority to make orders and constitutions among themselves for their said occupations being not prejudicial neither to the Corporation or to the said town nor repugnant to the laws of this realm, so that the ordinances and constitutions be allowed and approved by the Bailiff and aldermen of the said town for the time being in their open court and there entered.

Item, it is ordered that all such as hereafter shall be made free of the said town by redemption shall compound and agree and pay to the Chamber of the said town or the more part of them for the said freedom

[f.199v] and that no foreigner shall be made free of the same borough by [redemption only - d.] £1, to be paid unto the Chamber of the same borough for his freedom, and one shilling to the Town Clerk and a penny to the relief of the poor, and that at the next court after the same freedom granted the same person shall be brought by the Chamberlains into the said court and there take such an lawful oath touching his said freedom as unto him by the Town Clerk shall be ministered.

Item, it is ordered that all [prentices - d.] [covenant servants - i.] for term of years shall be enrolled in the court of the said town within the space of one year after their first covenants made, upon pain of 6s.8d. to be paid by their masters and after their term ended the same [prentices - d.] [covenant servants - i.] to be brought into the court by the masters or wardens of their occupation and there to be made free if they have served justly and truly, and every such coming shall pay for his said freedom to the Chamber of the said town two shillings and to the Town Clerk for entering them in the records fourpence.

[Item, it is ordered that the Town Clerk shall make the indenture of all covenant servants and apprentices that shall serve within the said borough for the just recording of the same, 1s.4d. - d.]

[Item, it is ordered that all manner of persons inhabiting or dwelling within the precincts and liberties of the said borough of Banbury shall be obedient as well towards the Bailiff of the said borough and Justice of the same as to all other officers of the same for the time being, and be ready at all lawful commandments of the said Bailiff and Justice upon pain every one offending to have two days of imprisonment and loss of freedom by the discretion of the bench - d.]

[f.200] Item, it is ordered that at every election of any alderman or burgess that the Town Clerk shall have of every alderman newly elected twelvence and the sergeant sixpence and of every burgess sixpence and the sergeant fourpence.

Item, it is ordered that if any man within the said town chosen into office of Bailiff or Justice do refuse or deny to take the said office upon him that then he or they so offending shall be by the Bailiff of the time being committed unto ward without bail or mainprise there to remain unto such time as he have paid unto the use of the Chamber of the town £20 of lawful money of England to be levied of their goods and chattels of them so offending, by the said chamberlains as is expressed afore in other penalties. And if any being chosen refuse either in office of alderman, burgess, constable or other officer within the said town to take the said office upon him according to their said election or obstinately deny to serve in the said office unless they have a lawful excuse, that then he or they so offending to have two days of imprisonment and to forfeit and pay to the Chamber of the said town £2, to be levied and appraised as is aforesaid.

[f.200] These orders are agreed on in the open court 1 August, 1558, by the consent and assent of these names hereafter following:

Henry Shuttylworth, Bailiff	Edward Bryghtwell	William Dudley
Stephen Wyggatt, Justice	John Redshawe	Thomas Ockford
John Wyse	Richard Ferfeld	Richard West
John Long	William Pernand	Roger Jaxsone
	Richard More	John Knight
	Thomas Carttar	John Norris
	Edward Pentlyn	Richard Bays
	Robert Vyverse	Bartholomew Ekelffield

[f.200v] It is agreed by the whole assent and consent of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses of the town of Banbury that every alderman and burgess for the time being and their successors shall yearly on the day of the Ascension, Corpus Christi Day, and every fair day that they and every one of them shall repair unto the Bailiff's house by eight of the clock in the morning in their best and decent apparel and then and there so assembled shall accompany the said Bailiff in the perambulation from his house through the fair and market in decent order, and so after proclamation made at the market cross to accompany the said Bailiff unto his house, and from thence every man to depart about his lawful business. And if any man frequently break or neglect this order, having no manifest approved and allowed reasonable excuse, either by sickness unfeigned or service of the prince or licence of the Bailiff for the time being, he or they so offending to lose, forfeit and pay unto the use of the Corporation 6s.8d., which forfeiture to be paid within three weeks next after the offence known or presented. And if any offender, either alderman or burgess, refuse payment of his forfeiture or obstinately repugn thereat, he or they so offending to be committed to prison by the Bailiff for and by the space of one day without bail or mainprise for his disobedience, to pay unto the use of the Corporation ten shillings afore he or they shall be let bail.



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[f.201] [A decorated initial - opposite]

Ordinances for the Court and the Officers of the same.

First, it is ordained and decreed by our whole assent and consent of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses that there shall be no man constrained to answer in the court without lawful action commenced and entered in court, and that the defendant have lawful summons. And if he appear not upon lawful summons to be given by the Sergeant at the mace, then one distress to be granted, and if the defendant appear not upon the distress then the Sergeant to return a 'nihil'. And then shall go forth at the suit of the plaintiff to a 'capias'. And then the party attached shall go to prison except he put in sureties and bail as well to answer the action or plaint commenced as also to pay the costs, damages of the defendant if he be condemned, or else to bring in the body of the party defendant or defendants after judgement given or before execution awarded.

Item, it is ordered that no 'capias' shall be granted but by the Bailiff for the time being, and a plaint lawfully entered before the 'capias' shall go forth. And that the 'capias' be made and directed under seal of the Town Clerk and subscribed with his hand and name. And the party attached shall be brought before the Bailiff and to him shall put in sureties or pleas to answer the whole plaint commenced against him as is afore specified.

[201v] Item, it is agreed that there shall be no 'capias' granted at the suit of any stranger or foreigner except it shall first appear plainly to the Bailiff for the time being, or the Town Clerk, that there is good cause to commence the same suit within the liberty of the said town.

Item, it is agreed that the Sergeant at the mace shall not attach any manner of person or persons or put them in fear of suit without his lawful warrant forth of the court. If he doth the contrary, to have two days of imprisonment and to pay to the Chamber of the town for his offence 3s.4d., to be paid and levied as is aforesaid.

Item, it is ordained that the Sergeant at mace shall serve all manner of processes to him directed without concealment and make just and due return of the same upon pain of one day of imprisonment, and pay 3s.4d. to be levied as is aforesaid.

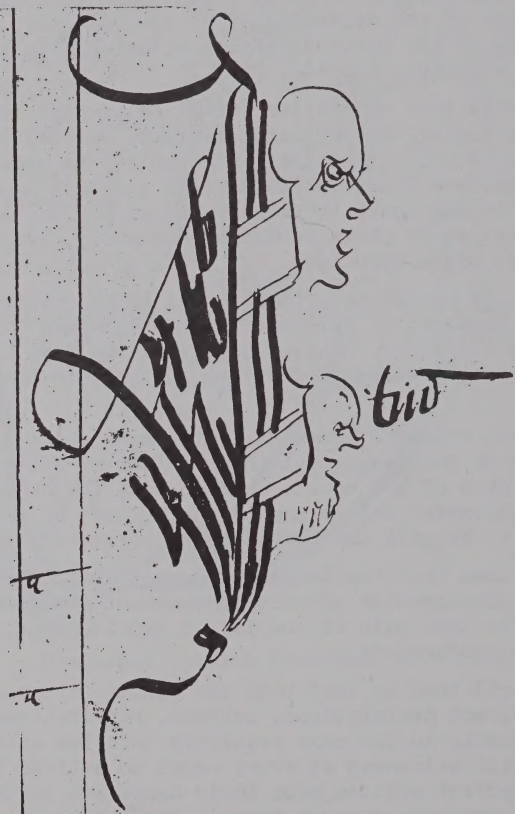
Item, it is ordered that he that hath the office of prenotary shall make good and perfect declarations, answers, replications, rejoinders and so deliver weekly as the case requireth unto the attornies of the court, and the said attorneys at every court to deliver them into the court fair and perfect written with their hands put to the same pleas. And if the prenotary make default therein then he to pay for every such default 1s.10d. And if the default be in the attorney's then every such attorney to lose and pay 4d. for every plea, the forfeiture to be to the use of the Chamber of the said town to be paid and levied as is aforesaid.

Item, it is ordered that after issue joined in any matter that the Town Clerk shall make the records perfect and engross them in parch-

[f.201v] ment upon pain of one day of imprisonment and pay to the Chamber of the town 1s.8d. for every default.

Item, it is ordered that the Town Clerk every two months shall mark and engross up fair the records of the courts upon pain of one day of imprisonment and to forfeit and pay two shillings.

Item, it is ordered that neither the Town Clerk nor Sergeant at mace shall take any other fees concerning their office other than such as be mentioned in a table set and hanged up in the Court Hall of the said town upon pain of two days of imprisonment and fine at the pleasure of the Bailiff for the time being.



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[f.202] [A decorated initial - opposite]

Item, it is ordered that the Town Clerk and Sergeant at mace shall wait on the Bailiff every Sunday and holy day and at other times convenient except sickness and other lawful excuses. And the Sergeant daily to wait upon the Bailiff, except special licence, upon pain of every offence 1s.8d. to be paid and levied as is before said.

Item, it is ordered that on the day of All Saints [i.e., 1 November] the Bailiff shall direct his warrant to the auditors for the town and borough commanding them by virtue thereof that they shall make forth process unto the Bailiff the year before and to the Chamberlains, Town Clerk, Sergeant and all other officers accountants that they and every of them personally appear before the Bailiff, Justice of the Peace and the auditors, or two of them at the least, within ten days next after their precepts be awarded and directed forth in the Town Hall of the same borough. And if the said late Bailiff refuse to come to his account and do not fully and perfectly render account and pay all debts and rerages by the said auditors charged upon his account for all such issues and profits by him received in the time of his bailiwick within the said town and borough of Banbury.

Then it shall be lawful to the auditors for the time being to command the said late accountant to prison unto such time as he hath fully and perfectly made account and discharged the same, and for this contempt to forfeit and pay to the use of the Corporation forty marks of lawful English money.

And in like manner all other accountants to make their proper and full accounts unto the said auditors upon pain of imprisonment without bail or mainprise.

Item, it is ordered that all the officers of the said town shall give their diligent attendance on the Bailiff and auditors in the time of the audit, and that reasonable expenses and allowances allowed by the said auditors shall be allowed and effectual to the accountants and a sufficient discharge unto them, so that the auditors put their hands to the allowances and make sufficient acquittances to all the accountants, and that there shall be sufficient allowance for the auditors and officers during the whole time of the audit. And after the said audit finished the said auditors shall cause every man's account to be fair engrossed upon a fair book and delivered over to the Bailiff within three weeks after the day expired of their commission, upon pain of every auditor to lose and pay to the Chamber of the same town £10, to be levied as is of other forfeiture.

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The office of the
mayor

[f.203] The oath of the [Bailiff - d.] Mayor.

Ye shall swear that you shall well and truly serve and do in your office of [Bailiwick - d.] [Mayor - i.] of these franchises and liberty of Banbury within the County of Oxford during the time that you shall be in office, all things that doth appertain or belong or shall appertain or belong unto your office of the same [Bailiwick - d.] [Borough - i.] and further you shall be dwelling or abiding within the same franchises or liberty so long as you shall be [Bailiff - d.] [Mayor - i.] and officer of the same. And that you shall not let the same [Bailiwick - d.] to farm to any person or persons without the whole consent and assent of the aldermen and burgesses of the same borough, or most part of them, nor do no act or acts nor suffer to be done which should violate, make, frustrate or lose the said grant of incorporation of the said town and borough. You shall not by colour of your said office nor otherwise usurp or encroach otherwise than the [Queen's - d.] [King's majesty's - i.] grant maketh mention or giveth power. Ye shall well and truly in your said office endeavour yourself to execute all manner of writs and warrants and precepts coming unto your hands without favour or mede and to make true and just return thereof. Also you shall make just and true panels and return them of the substantial and most independent persons within your said liberty without taking any money or other rewards for the same, saving only fees accounted and allowed by order of leave. And also you shall return such due and reasonable issues and mercements as well upon the jurors in every such panel as upon all other persons according to their estates, honours and degrees, so that persons distrained shall thereby the rather appear according to the law. Also you shall procure no quarrels or other untrue matter against any manner of person or persons for matters, reward or other cause. You shall also execute and see to be executed the office of the Clerk of the Market justly and truly within your franchises and liberty and also to see to be executed the Estate of Winchester and all other statutes indifferently for the discharge of the said liberty and borough. Also you shall observe, maintain and keep and cause to be observed, maintained and kept all such orders and constitutions as now be had, established and made or hereafter shall be had and made by the aldermen and burgesses of the same town and borough as well for the good governance as the utility and wealth of the same. Lastly you shall do equal justice to all men according to your skill and power. All these articles above mentioned you shall well and truly observe and keep to the uttermost of your power and skill: so help you God and by the contents of this book. And then let him kiss the book.

Handwritten signature: The office of Justice of the Peace

[f.203v] The oath of the Justice of the Peace.

Ye shall swear that you being now elected Justice of the Peace within the borough of Banbury and liberty of the same shall do equal right as well to the poor as the rich. Also in your said office of Justice of the Peace in all articles in the Queen's [King's - i.] commission to you directed you shall do equal right to all manner of person and persons according to the laws and customs of this realm and statutes thereof made, as well for the statute of servants, artificers and labourers. And you shall not be of counsel with any person or persons in any quarrel or matter hanging afore you. And also you shall hold your sessions after the form of the estatute thereof made and the issues, fines and amercements growing of the same you shall be cause to be estreated and delivered over unto the [Bailiff - d.] [Mayor - i.] of the franchises and liberty of the same. Also you shall take nothing for the execution of your office but as the law doth permit.

Also you shall not direct any warrant of the peace or other precept but only unto the [Bailiff - d.] [Constable, tithingmen - i.], Sergeant of the mace or other officer or inhabitant of the town and liberty of Banbury, by them to be executed and certified as these articles here given you in charge you shall [see] observed and kept [according to your power and knowledge - i.]. So help you God and by the contents of this Book: and so bid him kiss the Book.

[f.174] The account of Henry Shuttillworthe made 7 November, 1558.

Receipts in the Markets

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|----------|---|----|-----|----|
| 1. | Received on St. Martin's Day [i.e., 11 November] | | | 8 |
| | for the stallage of the Market | | | |
| | The Sheep Market | 1 | 6 | |
| 2. | The next Thursday: the stallage | | | 11 |
| | The Sheep Market | 2 | 0 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 6 | |
| 3. | The stallage | | | 8 |
| | The Beast Market | | 6 | |
| | The Sheep Market | 1 | 4 | |
| 4. | The Thursday following: stallage | 1 | 0 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 6 | |
| | The Sheep Market | 1 | 6 | |
| 5. | The stallage next Thursday | 1 | 2 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 10 | |
| | The Sheep Market | 1 | 8 | |
| 6. | The stallage | 1 | 6 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 8 | |
| | The Sheep Market | 1 | 6 | |
| 7. | The stallage | 1 | 8 | |
| | The Beast and Sheep Market | | 4 | |
| 8. | New Year's Eve: for all the market | | 2 | |
| 9. | The Twelfth Eve: all the market | | 10 | |
| 10. | Leather Fair: the stallage | 3 | 8 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 6 | |
| | The Sheep Market | | 7 | |
| 11. | The Thursday after: all the market | 1 | 6 | |
| 12. | The Thursday before Candlemas Day [i.e., 2 February]: | | | |
| | The stallage | 1 | 10½ | |
| | The Beast Market | | 7 | |
| | The Sheep Market | | 8 | |
| [f.174v] | | | | |
| 13. | The next Thursday: stallage | 1 | 1½ | |
| | The Beast Market | | 2 | |
| 14. | Stallage | 1 | 2 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 4 | |
| | The Sheep Market | | 2 | |
| 15. | The next Thursday | | 10 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 2 | |
| 16. | The Fish Fair Day: stallage | 12 | 10 | |
| | The Horse Market | 2 | 10 | |
| | The Beast Market | 1 | 0 | |
| | The Sheep Market | | 2 | |
| 17. | The next Thursday: stallage | | 10 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 4 | |
| 18. | Stallage | 1 | 0 | |
| | The Beast Market | | 2 | |
| 19. | Stallage, and the whole Market | 1 | 8 | |

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	£	s	d
20. The Thursday following		2	2
The Beast Market			6
The Sheep Market			4
21. Stallage	1	2	
The Beast Market			4
The Sheep Market	1	0	
22. Stallage		1	8
The Sheep Market			4
23. Thursday in Easter week, the whole Market	2	6	
24. The Thursday after: stallage			4
The Beast Market			6
The Sheep Market	1	10	
25. The whole Market	1	0	
26. Stallage	1	0	
The Beast Market		1	0
The Sheep Market	2	6	
27. The Thursday following: at the whole Market	11	0	
[f.175]			
28. Ascension Day: stallage		4	8
The Sheep Market		1	8
The Horse Market		3	2
The Beast Market		6	6
For cooper ware		1	0
29. Thursday after: stallage and all whole toll of the Market	9	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
30. Thursday in Whitsun Week: The whole toll	5	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
31. Corpus Christi Day [i.e., Thursday after Trinity Sunday]: stallage		5	0
The Beast Market		6	0
The Sheep Market		2	4
The Horse Market		6	8
32. The Thursday after: the whole toll	5	10	
33. Midsummer Eve [i.e., 23 June]: the whole toll	6	1	
34. The Thursday after: the whole toll	2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
35. The next Thursday: the whole toll	3	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
36. The Thursday after: the whole toll	3	4	
37. The next Thursday: the whole toll	1	4	
38. The whole toll			7
39. Lammas Day [i.e., 1 August]: stallage			3
The Beast Market	1	10	
The Sheep Market			5
The Horse Market	2	0	
40. The Thursday after: the whole toll	2	6	
41. The Thursday before our later Lady Day [15 August]	3	4	
42. On our latter Lady Day: stallage	1	4	
The Beast Market		1	8
The Sheep Market		2	8
43. The Thursday after our Lady Day: the whole Market	2	8	
44. The Thursday following: the whole toll	3	8	
Sum total	9	0	2

	£	s	d
[f.175v]			
More for the markets between Michaelmas and St. Martin's Day [i.e., 11 November]	1	0	1½
By twelve sheep	1	0	0
More in money		6	0
More by a pair of stockings for hose, and a red petticoat		3	0
For quarterage for standings set by the year:			
the half year's rent	1	5	2
Of Richard Jonnes for the estreats, in part payment		1	8
On Michaelmas Day last, for the whole toll of the Market		1	8
For two pairs of shoes		1	4
More quarterings sett by the year		9	10
More by amercements		15	0
The whole sum of the receipts	15	2	5½

Charges of this year, 1557 etc.

To the Queen's jester		2	0
A couple of capons when by lord Wylliames was here		3	0
For wine at the same time		2	4
To Richard Feyrffeld		10	0
To Mr Denton	1	0	0
For a sugarloaf		6	8
For the carriage of a letter to Mr Sheriff			8
To Mistress Barnslay when Sir Anthony Hunngerford was here		2	4
To one delivered forth of prison		1	2
When my lord Channdos was here			6
At Mistress Barnesley's when Master Denton was here		1	6
To Mr Vicar at fetching in of May			8
To the Sergeant towards his gown		1	8
To Richard More for two yards and three quarters of broad cloth for Peter Gyll	1	0	0
For wine given to Sir Francis Inglefeld		2	8
[f.176]			
To Richard Jonnes for his wages		6	8
To George Cowly for warning the watch		1	8
For a book of statutes		1	0
To Oxford for myself and the Sergeant		2	0
At Oxford for myself another time being there		1	4
When my lord Chandous was here		2	0
My charges for the town leet dinners	4	2	8
To Mistress Barnslaye when young Master Deynton was there		5	0
To the Queen's majesty for her whole year's rent	6	13	4
Sum total	16	6	6
Memorandum		2	8
Received of the Chamberlain at the same time	3	11	4
Paid Henry Shuttellworthe of the same money to make even his accounts	1	6	8
So there remains in ready money	2	4	8
Which is delivered into the hands of Edward Bryghtwell, now Bailiff.			

1558-9

[As shown in the audit of Henry Shuttelworth's accounts for 1557-8, the Bailiff for 1558-9 was Edward Bryghtwell, but there is no other record for this year.]

1559-60

[No records for this year survive. In 1566 Richard Moore is recorded as a former Bailiff, and he may have served in this year or the next.]

1560-1

[The name of the Bailiff this year is unrecorded.]

[f.212] The accounts of Simon Wykham and John Knyght, wardens of the lands pertaining unto the town of Banbury, made and accounted 3 December 4 Eliz. [1561].

	£	s	d
And so remains in their hands to account at Michaelmas next	4	18	0
Paid forth of the same to William Copland		17	4
Remains to answer at the day of account	4	0	8

[in a different handwriting:]

Memorandum. There remains in the hands of Simon Wycom and John Knight, the mercer, 23 November 1562, the sum of

1 8 0

Sum total

5 8 8

[m. - Memorandum

10 14 0]

[for further accounts on this folio, see under 1562-3]

1561-2

[f.176v] The account of Edward Pentlyn, late Bailiff, made 23 November, 1562.

The whole sum of his receipts amounts to	28	3	4
His charges come to	19	19	7
Rests clear to the Corporation	8	3	9
Allowed him the same time the charges of his two leet dinners	5	0	0
Remains clear, all things discharged	3	3	4
Which remains in the hands of John Norris, now Bailiff,			

John Long, Edward Brightwell, auditors.

[f.211v] The Chamberlains. [The whole entry roughly crossed through]

This is the account of John Knyght, the baker, John Knyght, the mercer, made 23 November, 1562.

And there remains in their hands clear the sum of 2 2 0

Memorandum. This sum remains in the hands of John Knyght, the mercer.

1562-3

[As shown in the audit of Edward Pentlyn's accounts in 1561-2, the Bailiff for this year was John Norris.]

[f.212] 27 November, 1563	£	s	d
There remains in the hands of Mr Longe, now Bailiff, in money [sum d.]	7	2	10]
In the hands of John Knyght, the baker, and Bartholomew Hekullffell'd, Chamberlains	6	4	8
In the hands of John Lord and William Hancoke, town wardens	3	5	8
In the hands of William Whetley [sum d.]	1	0	0]
[m. - Peter Gill and John Hasker, securities - d.]			
[The next two entries have been completely deleted at a later date]			
[More in the hands of John Knyght, the mercer	2	4	4]
[More in the hands of the same John Knyght, due to the Church		11	8]
Sum total	20	9	2

1563-4

[As shown in the 1562-3 audit, and for this year, the Bailiff was John Longe.]

[The following memoranda are on a loose flyleaf, lettered 'A' and 'Av', and appear to relate to 1563-4, or at least to have been entered then. The first entry on f.1 is in the same handwriting and was probably entered in the same year.]

[f.A] Memorandum. George Gough of Heyford Warren, alias Over Heyford, one of the tenants of St. Mary's College, Oxford, brought before John Longe, Bailiff of Banbury, a charter under the great seal, 7 October, that all tenants of the college shall be free in all fairs and markets, except Piers Barrett, tenant to Mr Babyngton.

Memorandum. John Alexander of Bicester brought before John Longe, Bailiff of Banbury, a licence under the seal of the Duchy [of Lancaster], that the Queen's tenants of Kirtlington shall be free of toll, stallage, etc., dated 10 February 4 Eliz. [1561/2].

Memorandum. Ellis Apdauythe [local spelling of the Welsh ap Daffyd] of Shurborne brought in a licence for buying corn, granted for a whole year at Warwick in open sessions, on the Tuesday next after St. Michael's Day, by Sir William Wygyston, knight, Thomas Lucy and Clement Throckmorton, 1 October, 5 Eliz. [1563].

Memorandum. Richard Marlyn of Chipping Dassett brought in a licence for buying corn, granted at the Warwick sessions on the Tuesday after St. Michael's Day, by Sir William Wygyston, knight, Thomas Lucy and Simon Ralyght for one whole year, 5 Eliz. [1562-3].

[f.Av] Memorandum. Thomas Herris [m. Harris] of Lyghthorne, licensed to be a badger for one year at Warwick Sessions, held on the Tuesday after St. Michael's Day, 5 October, 5 Eliz. [1563]. Granted by Sir William Wygyston, knight, Simon Ralyght and Clement Throckmorton,

[f.Av] esquires, justices of the peace within the county of Warwick.

Memorandum. Leonard Wylkes [m. Wilks] of Geydon, licensed to be a badger at Warwick Sessions held on the Tuesday after Epiphany, 11 January, 6 Eliz. [1563/4], granted by Sir William Wygston, knight, Edward Iglyonby and Clement Throgmorton, esquires, justices of the peace within the county of Warwick.

Memorandum. Richard Allen of Geydon, licensed to be a badger of corn at Warwick Sessions, held on the Tuesday after Epiphany, 11 January 6 Eliz. [1563/4], granted by Sir William Wygston, knight, Edward Iglyonby and Clement Throgmorton, esquires, justices of the peace within the county of Warwick.

Memorandum. Richard Buttinwood [m. Buttingwood] of Harbury in the county of Warwick, licensed to be a badger at Warwick Sessions, held on the Tuesday after Trinity, 30 May, 1564, by Sir William Wygston, knight, Thomas Lucy, Simon Ralyght.

[f.1] The lordship of Helmdon is free [and the members of the same d] as of the Duchy of Lancaster as appears by a charter bearing date 16 November, 3 Eliz. [1560].

[For further memoranda of this nature on f.1, see 1621-2, 1626-7, 1627-8 and 1631-2.]

[The pages containing the Orders and Pains of 1564 are now missing from the Book of Accounts, so the following abstract of them is based on an earlier Calendar, compared with the extracts printed in Beesley, 231-3.]

Orders and Pains made at the Great Inquest of our Sovereign Lady within the town and borough of Banbury 24 April, 1564, in the sixth year of Queen Elizabeth.

1. The setting open of shop windows. No man or woman of whatever degree or occupation shall on the Sabbath or other festival day open their shop or shop windows to use open buying or selling neither use within their houses any kind of 'syenes' labour or manual occupation other than the laws of this realm permit; but every man and woman shall come to church in time of divine service; on pain every man found defective to pay for every offence 3s.4d., if they have no reasonable excuse: one half of which to be for the use of the Chamber of the corporation and the other half for the poor.

2. Victuallers selling ale or other victual in time of divine service. The sale forbidden on the same pain as the first.

3. The taking of inmates. No inhabitant to receive into his house any inmate or under-tenant without licence of the Bailiff and Justice of the Peace, on pain of 6s.8d. and two days' imprisonment. Any person keeping any inmate or under-tenant not licensed more than twelve days is not only to pay £2 but also to lose his freedom of the town ever after, except on new redemption.

4. The cleansing of Parsons Lane. Inhabitants dwelling between North Bar and the nether end of Parsons Lane eastwards and also the farmer of the Parsonage shall yearly clean their streets and the ground before their doors yearly before the feast of Easter. And the filth thereof to be carried away yearly before the feast of the Ascension; and so every year quarterly to be cleansed and carried away on pain of 3s.4d. And the like orders and pains for all other streets of the town.

5. Against the laying of wood in the streets.

6. The four places for the laying of filth and dung. None to be laid in any street except in four places, namely, in St. John's street against the house where the wife of Hugh Slee now dwells; against a close lately Joan Wyberton's in North Bar street; without Cole Bar on the east side twenty feet from the bar; next the house where William Perkyngs dwells and twelve feet from the highway. He that does anything to the contrary to pay for each offence 12d.

7. Against laying filth or dung within Scalding Lane.

8. For cleansing the Butchers' shambles and every week to carry away the filth. Every shop shall be cleansed, including the backsides and the filth carried away on pain for each offence of 12d.

9. No man shall lay in soak or wash any felts in the Cherwell or throw any therein within twenty feet of the bridge on pain of 6s.8d. for each offence.

10. No man shall lay any carrion or empty any privy or jakes in the Goose Leys or anywhere in the town, but shall bury the same six feet in the ground upon pain of 6s.8d. for each offence.

11. No sheep pens to be set in any place in the town on market and fair days except from the east side of Master Hartlett's gate where Thomas Necoll now or late dwells eastward, and from the east corner of Bartyl Ekelfeld's house westward on pain of 5s. for each offence.

12. No man shall take for the length of a hurdle above 1d.; and on Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi day, and every fair day not above 4d. a pen; on pain of 12d. for each offence.

13. No stranger bringing sheep to sell them or put them up for sale except they be in the pens; and for every sheep sold or offered for sale not being placed in pens, the owner to pay 4d. for each offence.

14. Neither baker, brewer or any other man shall set any rack or hovel with furzes, faggots, straw or corn except in such places as shall be thought most meet by Bailiff and Justice of the Peace, as well for the safeguard of their owners as their neighbours, on pain of 6s.8d. for each offence.

15. We order that any man that hath a house or ground within the Mill Lane shall yearly before the feast of Easter cleanse the same and carry the filth yearly away before the feast of Pentecost upon pain of 20d. for every defaulter.

16. We make order for the Scalding Lane and all other lanes and streets within the town where people commonly travel upon the pain of 20d.

17. We order that no inhabitant shall buy any eggs to set in their windows or otherwise to sell out of their houses neither by small or great but innkeepers and other victuallers admitted to keep victualling houses and to spend them in their houses upon pain every time of 6s.8d.

18. We order that the farmer of the Parsonage shall yearly and at all times and from time to time amend and maintain the grattes [fencing] about the churchyard in good order and in those places heretofore of ancient times used and in such like sort as all people may have safe passage to the church and at all times may be a lawful defence to keep forth swine and other indecent cattle upon pain of £2 for every three weeks lying and known [to be] in default of amendment.

19. We order that the Cuttle Brook shall yearly be cleansed between the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady and Ascension day from the house wherein John Wysdom now dwells to the house wherein William Hancock dwells, at the cost and charges yearly of the inhabitants dwelling on the north side of the same brook; and the filth there forth yearly to be cast on the north side of the same brook and to be carried away within a month next after carting and cleansing upon pain of 3s.4d.

20. We order that the Cuttle Brook between the North Bar and the house that John Wysdom dwelleth in shall yearly be cleansed between the said feast of the Annunciation and Ascension day at the cost and charges of the inhabitants dwelling in Banbury and whose grounds are adjoining the

same, and that no man shall turn the said brook of water out or forth of the right course except licence be obtained of the Leet and not hurtful to the brook upon pain for every default of 6s.8d. [Margin, in later hand: No man shall turn the water course from the North Bar to the coming into the town.]

21. We order that no hogs go abroad within the Market Place nor in any street wherein the market is kept upon market day, ringed or unringed, upon pain for every time and every hog 4d.; one half to the Chamber of the corporation and the other to the taker.

22. No man shall sweep the gutters into the Cuttle Brook or cast any filth into the same, nor to suffer any geese or ducks to go in the same brook, nor that no man shall set any honey barrels or other vessel in the same brook or nigh the same in soak upon pain of 12d.

23. No man shall let their hogs go abroad in any part of the town unringed nor no swine nor geese to go within the churchyard but the owners of them found and presented to pay every time for every hog etc. 4d.

24. Neither innkeeper, victualler or any other man dwelling within the precincts of this town shall receive or lodge in their houses either beggar or vagrant person without the licence of the officers upon pain for every time 3s.4d. and to have two days of imprisonment.

25. No innholder, victualler or any other man or woman shall receive or suffer to come within their houses any man's apprentice or child there to play at any unlawful games or other ways to spend their masters' or parents' goods or to receive of them any kind of ware for their expenses or victuals on pain of 6s.8d. and to have two days of imprisonment.

26. No innholder, victualler or any other man or woman shall receive or suffer to come within their houses upon the workdays any journeyman or covenant servant to play at any unlawful games upon pain of 6s.8d. and two days of imprisonment.

27. Neither man nor woman shall sell any ale or victual within their houses, innkeepers excepted but such as be shall stand bound in recognizance upon pain of £5.

28. No man shall sell any charcoal above 4d. the strike upon pain of 2s.

29. All vintners shall sell their wine in measures sized [assized] and sealed and agreeable with the Queen's standard and with no other upon pain of £5.

30. All that either sell honey or oil shall have their measures sized and sealed according and agreeable with the Queen's standard, and shall sell by no other on pain of 10s.

31. All common brewers shall justly keep their assize given weekly by the Bailiff or his lawful deputy and that all the same common brewers shall make both their ale good and wholesome for man's body and well and sufficient barmed, and also they shall neither cleanse for their ale nor drink till the tasters have tasted and allowed it, on pain of 6s.8d.

32. The tasters shall weekly diligently search and forsee that both ale be well and wholesomely brewed and sufficiently barmes as it ought to be and also the said tasters shall justly and truly from time to time present all those that shall offend without favour or fraud as well any other victuallers as brewers, strangers as townsmen upon pain of 10s.
33. No saucy bitch shall go abroad within the precincts of the town upon pain of 3s.4d.
34. What manner of person soever do make any fray or draw blood shall be committed to ward and there to remain unto such time as the party who made the fray to pay for the fray 3s.4d., and if there be blood drawn, for the bloodshed 6s.8d. and the weapon forfeited, in trial of the offender to be judged by the two constables and three tithingmen and the constables to be chargeable and accountable for the money, and at the next court after the offence committed to be presented orderly.
35. All such houses and gardens, grounds, shops and other grounds that have been known to find watchmen within the time of forty years last shall watch and find watchmen for the same; and if any deny and refuse, having sufficient warning, shall pay 3s.4d.
36. That no journeyman except he be a freeman shall keep any stall or standing place upon the market or fair day beneath Roger Jackson's standing, upon pain of 3s.4d. That all those that bring any pears, apples or other fruit to sell shall stand and make sale thereof over against Master Longe's house next to the well and against William Hyll's house, and in no other place, upon pain of 3s.4d. That as well all the butchers as chaundlers shall at all times observe and keep the prices of tallow and candle set by the Bailiff being clerk of the market, and if any of them break the assize and price set by him shall forfeit upon the first offence £1, the second £2 and the third £5, and to lose his or her liberty and freedom of the town, except a new redemption and he [be] newly admitted to his freedom as any stranger.
37. That there shall be no stalls of fish but in the place now appointed over against Master Longe's house; and that the place for the fishmongers be not forestalled by any other stall or standing; and that no fisher stall, neither strangers' nor townsmen's any nether the Cross on the south side than William Longe's house, or on the north side the shop of Thomas Longe. [No pain mentioned.]
38. That no man lay any wood or nowance [annoyance] from the house of Thomas Longe unto the garden that now Robert Pope occupies, upon pain of 6s.8d.
39. That no person shall fetch, lead or carry any dung or muck forth of the town but between the first day of May and the feast of St. Michael the Archangel on pain of 20d., to be levied yearly by the wardens of the highways and the tithingmen of the Borough of Banbury.

[Book of Accounts, f.212v]

Memorandum. The remains of the account of Mr [John] Longe made 13 November, 1564.

	£	s	d
The sum of.	12	0	0
As parcel of his account not fully accounted nor discharged			
[Mg. Memorandum. This account is discharged.]			
This £12 is delivered into the hands of Edward Brightwell, now Bailiff, to the use of the Corporation.			
Paid hereof 16 December, 1564, to Edward Butterfelld	1	10	0
Paid to the Churchmen, 8 December, 1564, towards reparations of the Church	2	0	0
Rests	8	10	0

Memorandum. There remains of the account of John Knyght, baker, and Bartholomew Ekullffeld, Chamberlains, made the day and year above written the sum of

6	0	0
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Which sum is delivered into the hands of Bartholomew Ekullffeld and William Bentley, now Chamberlains, to the use of the Chamber.

[no entry]

Memorandum. There remains in the hands of John Lord and William Hancoke, wardens, to be accountable for to the Corporation

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1564-5

[Bailiff: Edward Brightwell]

[f.214] 6 November 1564.

It is agreed between John Hall and William Mawkynes that where the said William doth owe unto the said John the sum of £2 4s.0d. upon a just account, that the said William shall pay the said sum in manner and form following, that is to say, upon Christmas Even next £1, and at the Purification of our Lady [i.e., 2 February] next, 10s., and at Holy Rood Day [14 September] then next ensuing 12s.4d.

Memorandum. It is agreed the day and year above written that where William Mawkyns doth owe unto John Wysdom 10s.; he must pay to the said John every Sunday 1s. till the same is paid.

Memorandum. It is agreed the day and year above written that where John Busshop doth owe unto Thomas Hall of Bodicote 15s., that he shall pay the same in manner and form following, that is to say, every Saturday 1s., and the rest to make up the sum of 15s. upon Easter Even next.

[f.213] The account of Edward Bryghtwell late Bailiff, made 26 November 8 Eliz. [1565], before Henry Halhed, Bailiff, John Longe and John Hartlet, auditors, all things allowed and accounted; and remains in money delivered into the hands of Henry Halhed

1	5	4
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By me, John Long, auditor.

[f.213] Memorandum. The account of Bartholomew Ekelfeld, William Penthelyn, Chamberlains, all things accounted, and allowed 26 November 8 Eliz. [1565],

in the hands of the said Chamberlains

£	s	d
1	6	8

1565-6

[Bailiff: Henry Halhed]

[f.214v] Memorandum. A licence by charter to certain men of Bykley, William Shellingford, William Norryche, John Hedges, Jacob Ottley, William Powell of Horton, Thomas Bygges, Thomas Fecyasse[?], John Saxby, Henry New, Nicholas Cuyge; all these be free to buy and sell by virtue of a certain grant to the Castle of Wellingford, confirmed by the Queen's grace, 24 January 7 Eliz. [1565/6].

[Visitation of Oxfordshire, by William Harvey, Clarencieux King of Arms, 1566. College of Arms transcript by Philipot, vol.49, f.80r, kindly checked by our member John Brooke-Little, Richmond Herald of Arms.

The printed version, Harleian Society, vol. v, p.212, misreads the names Longe and Norrys.]

1566. Town of Banbury.

Seal: A branch of a tree with flowers and fruit, underneath the letters, B.A.



This is the town seal appertaining to the Bailiff, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town and Borough of Banbury, and at this my present visitation was Henry Hawledd, Bailiff, and John Cupper, Esquire, Steward, Edward Bentlie, Justice of the Peace, Edward Brightwell, John Hartlett, John Longe, Richard Moore, Henry Shyttleworthe, and John Norrys, Aldermen and late Bailiffs of the said town and borough, and Peter Gyll, town clerk.

[Book of Accounts, f.213]

The account of Henry Hallhead, late Bailiff, made 27 November, 1566. And there remains in money, all charges discharged, the sum of

6	9	10
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This sum is delivered into the hands of John Knyght, now Bailiff, by me Edward Brightwell.

The mark of 'Mr More'.

[f.213v] 27 November 1566

	£	s	d
Received of John Lord and William Hancoke, late wardens	7	13	8
Memorandum. Delivered into the hands of William Hancoke the same day	3	19	2
Received in part of payment	1	0	0

[The next section is crossed through:

There remains in the hands of John Knight, the mercer, of this stock the sum of	2	4	4
There remains in the hands of William Whetley the sum of	1	0	0
and for this £1 Peter Gill and John Hasker be sureties.]			

By me Edward Brightwell.

By me Richard Moore.

[f.211v] [This section crossed through:

Memorandum. All charges accounted upon the account of John Knyght, mercer, for all things, both for the time he was Chamberlain, and also one of the wardens of the town houses. And there remains in the hands of the said John Knyght, £1.6s.0d. Agreed 17 May, 1567, by the consent of the aldermen and burgesses.]

1566-7

[As shown in the audit of Henry Hallhead's accounts for 1565-6, the Bailiff for this year was John Knight, probably the baker.]

[f.215v] Memorandum. Mr Moore must answer for a coat, 3 purses, 4 pairs of gloves, a fine Spanish felt, 2 shirts and a sickle, etc.

Memorandum. Delivered 24 November 1567 to the hands of Mr Hartlett

£6 [10s. d.]

1567-8

[f.213v] Memorandum. The account of John Hartley, late Bailiff, made and allowed by John Long and Henry Halhed, auditors, 12 November 1568, and so remaineth and delivered to Roger Jackson, now Bailiff

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The account of Bartholomew Ekelffeld and William Penthelyn, Chamberlains, accounted and allowed by the auditors, 12 November 1568, and delivered to Roger Jackson, Bailiff

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By me, John Long.

By me, Henry Halhed.

1568-9

[f.177] The account of Roger Jackson, late Bailiff, made 7 November 1569, before Edward Bryghtwell, Bailiff, John Hartley and Edward Penthelyn, auditors.

Receipts for the toll, stallage and piccage,

For stallage by the year	27	7	7½
The payments and estreats of the courts	4	5	0
The estreats of and for the clerk of the Market		5	9
Received in money of John Hartley, late Bailiff	1	11	8
Sum of the receipts	31	18	4

1568-9

ROGER JACKSON

45

[f.177]	Deductions allowed by the auditors	£	s	d
The Queen's fee farm		6	13	4
The charges of the leet dinners		5	0	0
The clerk of the Court's wages		1	0	0
The Sergeant's wages		1	6	8
The Clerk's gown		1	0	0
The Sergeant's livery		1	0	0
The charges for mending the Court House, the Bread Cross, the tumbrel, the pinfold, the town bushel and chain and the stocks in the Court Hall		5	4	8
Charges about Master Sheldon's suit at Worcester and elsewhere		1	16	8
For baking of venison sent by Master Fynes, Master Cope and Master Wodhull		2	0	0
Master Cowper's fee		2	0	0
Master Lovett's fee			10	0
George Cole for warning the watch			3	4
Two paper books			5	0
The Sergeant's charges to Oxford, and other charges		1	12	7
[Robert Heyward and John Aske are indebted for a fray of Davy, servant to Sir Richard Fynez - <u>d.</u>]				
Paid to John Haske			9	6
Sum total		31	12	4

[f.177v] The account of William Penthelyn and Bartholomew Ekelffeld, Chamberlains, accounted by their book before Edward Bryghtwell, Bailiff, John Hartley and Edward Penthelyn, auditors, 7 November 1569; and to their book is set the hands of the said Bailiff and auditors. And so they have disbursed and delivered to the said Bailiff in money: [no entry].

1569-70

[Bailiff: Edward Bryghtwell]

[f.215v] Memorandum. That Giles Sweyte of Oxford has shown his licence to buy free through the whole realm, which was granted him to be free by the grant of the liberty of Oxford, dated 22 October, 5 and 7 Philip and Mary [1558]. The licence was shown before Mr Edward Bryghtwell, Bailiff, 11 January, 12 Eliz. [1569/70]; which charter to be free and as large as the city of London in all places.

[f.178] The account of Edward Bryghtwell, late Bailiff, made 8 December [10 November d.] 1570, before Thomas Carter, Bailiff, John Hartley and John Knyght the elder, auditors.

Receipts for stallage, toll and piccage, for estreats and perquisites of the courts, for estreats for the Clerk of the Market	43	1	8
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Deductions allowed by the auditors

The Queen's fee farm, charges of the leet dinners, the Clerk's gown and wages, the Sergeant's gown and wages	50	6	5
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[f.178]	£	s	d
Rests due to him	7	7	9
Paid to him at the same time	4	0	0
Rests due to him	3	0	0
Received 9 November 1571	2	0	0
by me Edward Brightwell [signature?]			
John Hartley and John Knyght, auditors			

[f.178v] The accounts of Bartholomew Ekelfeld and William Penthelyn, Chamberlains, made before Thomas Carter, Bailiff, John Hartley and John Knyght, auditors, made 8 December [10 November d.] 1570; and to their book is set the hands as well of the Bailiff as auditors. [No entry.]

1570-1

[f.179] The account of Thomas Carter, late Bailiff, made 9 November 1571, before Richard West, Bailiff, John Hartley and Edward Bryghtwell, auditors.

Receipts for toll, stallage and piccage and for the estreats and profits of the courts	33	5	0
Deductions allowed by the said auditors			
The Queen's fee farm [£6.13s.3d. d.], the charges of the leet dinners, the Clerk's gown and wages, the Sergeant's gown and wages, and all other charges	25	11	6
Rests due to the town of these accounts	7	13	5
Allowed him from this account for his leet dinners and other charges	4	10	0
Allowed to Mistress Long, spent by her husband at London	1	0	0
To West the paviour		3	0
Rests	2	0	4

John Hartlet, Edward Brightwell, auditors.

Paid to Edward Brightwell, 9 November 1571, in part payment of £3 due to him	2	0	0
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[f.179v] The account of William Penthelyn and Bartholomew Ekelfeld, Chamberlains, 9 November 1571.

Receipts for this year	1	9	10
Allowed for the rent of the Court Hall		6	8
Remains in the Chamberlains' hands	1	13	2

John Hartlet, Edward Brightwell, auditors

The account of Thomas Dyckes and Thomas Nicolles, wardens for the town houses, 9 November 1571, all things accounted and allowed; and so remains in their hands 3 [5 d 6]

'I saye three pound just.' John Hartlet, Edward Brightwell, auditors.

[f.214] The account of Thomas Dyckes and Thomas Nicolles, wardens of the town houses, made 9 November 1571, all things accounted and allowed. So remains in their hands 3 5 6

1571-2

[f.180] The account of Richard Weste, late Bailiff, taken by John Knyght, Bailiff, Henry Shuttylworth and Roland Meryke, auditors, 23 December, 14 Eliz. [1572].

	£	s	d
Receipts for the toll and stallage	25	6	5
For the estreats of the courts and for the Clerk of the Market	5	12	6
For the stallage by the year	3	8	10
Sum total	34	7	9

Deductions allowed by the auditors

The Queen's fee farm	6	13	4
The charges of the leet dinners	5	0	0
The Clerk's gown and wages	2	0	0
The Sergeant's wages	2	6	8
Other charges	14	0	0
Sum total	30	0	0

All things allowed and accounted there remains in

[i. John Knyghte's] the Bailiff's hands 4 7 9

Henry Shuttilworthe, Roland Meryck, auditors

[f.180v] The account of Bartholomew Ekelffeld and William Penthelyn, Chamberlains, 23 December, 14 Eliz. [1572]. [no entry]

The account of Thomas Dyckes and Thomas Nicholles, wardens for the town lands, the day and year abovementioned. [no entry]

*All the money above accounted for is my true and
 lawful receipt for the same
 Henry Shuttilworthe & Roland Meryck
 Auditors*

1572-3

[Bailiff: John Knight (probably the baker)]

[As with the 1564 Orders and Pains, the 1573 By-Laws are now missing, so the following abstract of them is based on the earlier Calendar, compared with the version (which omits the oath, penalties, etc.) printed in Beesley, 234-5.]

Choosing the Bailiff. On the day after St. Matthew's day [i.e., 21 September] the Common Council shall repair to the Common Hall and the Bailiff shall call to him the Justice and two other aldermen and they shall name two aldermen to stand for the office of Bailiff, they being approved by the rest. Then the Bailiff is to go foremost, with the sergeant at mace before him carrying the mace on his right shoulder. After the Bailiff shall follow the Justice, then the two elect shall go together, and then the rest of the aldermen and burgesses 'in their auncyentye' [i.e., according to seniority]. The whole body shall accompany the Bailiff to his house and then depart.

On the Michaelmas day following [i.e., 29 September] the aldermen and burgesses, together with the two elect, shall between twelve and one o'clock in the afternoon repair to the Bailiff's house and then being within the Borough and there decently arrayed with gowns and caps and other comely apparel in sage and discreet manner shall make their abode until the Bailiff shall be ready to go to the election; and then in like manner according to their seniority and degree in office to accompany the Bailiff from his house to the Church and from there to the Common Hall, and the sergeant at mace shall go before the Bailiff in a long gown having the one end of the mace in his hand and the other upon his right shoulder. The two aldermen elect, having retired to an inner chamber, the paper of their election being produced, the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses present are severally to set pricks against the name of him they would have to be Bailiff. The two aldermen being then brought to the bar, the Steward or Town Clerk shall go to the bar, and, taking the alderman to whom the most votes are given by the hand, shall bring him to the Clerk's table, upon which standing, the old Bailiff shall pronounce him his election, and thereupon the Steward or Town Clerk shall give him his oath; and then the old Bailiff in taking him by the hand shall give him his place and deliver up his mace and wish him good success in his office, and all the house shall say Amen. The Oath of the Bailiff.

That he shall not do or allow to be done anything impairing the grant of the corporation nor to do or allow any matter or things concerning or going out of the corporation without the consent of the majority of the twenty-four, nor to the infringing of any liberties or privileges of the same, but shall support and maintain the same. And he shall not surrender the letters patent of the grant of the corporation nor deface the same. But in the end of his bailiwick shall deliver up safe and sure the letters patent and town seal as he received them. And he shall not during his bailiwick give or grant under the seal of the corporation any annuity, lease, licence or annual rent out of any lands, tenements or other commodities belonging to the Borough granted

to the Borough or anything granted during his bailiwick, nor in any other manner whereby the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses may be chargeable, without the consent of the whole Company or the majority of them.

Penalties. The Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses ordain that if any of them shall be absent on St. Michael's day from the election of the new Bailiff not being sick or in the service of the Prince, that each one shall be taxed £20 for the use of the corporation and that a special attachment be sealed, directed to the sergeant at mace to attach the one in default, to take him immediately to prison, except he find sufficient surety in the sum of £5, with condition that he appear before the Bailiff, Justice and Chamberlains on a certain day in the Common Hall. And upon his appearance either to take order for our satisfaction and payment of the said forfeits as shall be thought meet or else to be committed to the town gaol, there to remain without bail or mainprise until the said sum and sums so forfeited shall be clearly [i.e., fully] satisfied and paid. Also we enact that if any be absent from the election of the new Bailiff or Justice, having not reasonable excuse, shall forfeit £40 to be levied by attachment in manner aforesaid. And we ordain that any being chosen aldermen shall, being chosen Bailiff, willingly take the office upon him and receive the oath belonging to the said office. And if he shall refuse he shall forfeit to the Chamber £40 for the use of the Chamber, to be levied by attachment in manner abovesaid, and be committed to gaol under the same conditions as abovementioned.

The same conditions and penalties to apply to those who refuse the office of Justice, being chosen for the same, except that the forfeit shall be £10.

And it is ordered that if the Bailiff departs the world or commits such offence or offences that he be by the Company or the majority of it removed from his office and another, being an alderman, chosen to be Bailiff, shall exercise the office for the remainder of the year. And the same shall apply if the Justice shall die or be removed during his year of office.

And the old Bailiff and Justice shall continue until the new take upon himself the office and shall be allowed such reasonable sum of money for his travel [i.e., travail], charges and expenses as shall be thought meet by the major part of the Company.

The Bailiff is to be 'a lantern in good usage and order to the rest of his brethren and to the whole commonalty of the Borough' and therefore he shall behave well and decently in all degrees, and indifferently judge and deal towards all men of the Borough according to the right of the cause. And shall be comely attired, and also at such time as he shall have occasion to go into the town or the perambulation of the same either on fair days, market days or any other times about the execution of his office, or together with his brethren touching any affairs or business of the borough, he shall have on his gown; and in like manner when it shall happen that the Bailiff accompanies any noble or worshipful person within the town. And in all the said doings he shall have the sergeant at mace to be attendant upon him with his mace.

At all meetings and every Sunday and holy day the aldermen and burgesses and our successors shall wear a long gown and cap upon pain of 3s.4d.

It shall be lawful for the Bailiff, Justice, aldermen and burgesses or the majority of them to remove such obstinate person from their Company and commit him to the common gaol, there to remain for so long as shall be thought meet for his contempt.

Aldermen and burgesses are not to inhabit out of the town. Inhabitants are not to be sued by inhabitants in actions cognizable under the letters patent except in the courts of the Borough.

All manner of freemen both resident within the Borough and outside it are to keep the orders of the common council touching the order of the companies of craftsmen and other matters; and each of them that openly or secretly dispise, disdain, resist or deprave the same, being convicted thereof by examination before the common council or the majority of them shall pay such fine as shall be taxed and assized by the common council, and also suffer one day's imprisonment without bail or mainprise.

Every person of the commonalty, both free and unfree, who shall willingly, advisedly, maliciously and slanderously speak, talk, write, sing or say any false report of or against the common council or anyone of them for anything done or said by any of them sitting in the common council, or sitting in place of justice in the court of record or leet or other court of the Borough; or if any such person of the commonalty shall declare by speaking, writing or singing or otherwise any such matter abovesaid upon report of any person or persons and being required to disclose the same person and will not, then the person so reporting such talk is to be taken for the principal speaker of the slanderous talk until he shall plainly disclose the original author. Nevertheless as well every person or persons so raising up any slanderous talk as also every such person or persons that shall upon report declare the same and will not declare the author (being duly convicted by examination) shall pay such fine as is taxed by the common council or the majority of them and be committed to prison and remain there for three days without bail or mainprise; which fines are to be levied by attachment.

Every company each year is to chose two wardens or masters.

Before being admitted freemen, foreigners are to compound with the company of which they propose to be members by paying 12d. to the Chamberlain and 6d. to the Sergeant.

[Book of Accounts, f.7]

	£	s	d
The account of John Knighte, late Bailiff, taken 18 November 1573, by Roger Jackson and Simon Wickeham, auditors.			
Delivered to Roland Merycke, then Bailiff	7	0	0

Memorandum. To Roland Merycke 23 November 1573, being the money that was left of the rents	3	6	1
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The account of Bartholomew Eglesfeld and William Bentley, chamberlains, made 18 November 1573.

Remained, all things discharged	3	17	6
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Delivered at the same time to Robert Yedens and John Vivers the same sum	3	17	6
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The account of Thomas Dixe and Thomas Nicolles made 18 November 1573.

Remained, all things discharged	10	0	
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Which was delivered to John Knight and William Halhed, then chosen town wardens	10	0	
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By us, Roger Jaccson, and Simon Wycham, auditors, 1573.

1573-4

[f.7v] The account of Roland Mericke, 13 December 1574.

Delivered to Thomas Dixe, then Bailiff, all things discharged and accounted for	22	0	0
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Henry Halhed, John Knyght, auditors.

The account of William Halhed and John Knight, wardens of the town houses, made 13 December 1574.

Remained	1	13	0
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Henry Halhed, John Knight, auditors.

The account of Robert Yedens and John Vivers, 13 December 1574.

Remained	6	6	2
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Henry Halhed, John Knight, auditors.

1574-5

[As shown by the audit above, Thomas Dixe was Bailiff for this year. However there is a gap in the records for the next nine years, which recommence in December 1584 with the audit of the accounts for 1583-4.]

Henry Jackson John Knight
for Henry

[Thomas Oken, a mercer and prominent municipal worthy of Warwick, died in 1573. In his will, dated 24 November 1570 and proved in 1574 in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, occurs the following legacy, the origin of a charity which constantly recurs, from 1589-90 on, throughout the Banbury corporation records.]

[P.R.O. PROB.11/56 (17 Martyn), f.163v]

I give to the town of Banbury £40 to be delivered to eight honest occupiers, that is to say £5 a man, in such order and with such conditions as is aforesaid unto Stratford [which read] they to have £5 a man for three or four years laid at the discretion of the Bailiff and his brethren and they to pay out yearly out of the same to the poor people 4d. for every £ and to the Bailiff and his brethren other 4d. per £, and that to be given two times in the year to the poor, six days before Christmas and six days before Easter, and the other 4d. to the Bailiff and his brethren for the intent and purpose that the Bailiff and his brethren shall once in the year have a learned man and he to declare God's words and he to have for his pains taking 3s.4d.; when the sermon is done the Bailiff and his brethren to make merry with other at his discretion and there to have 10s. and in the end of their mirth to give thanks to God and to say the Lord's prayer. And that the Bailiff and his brethren shall put to their town seal with good warranties for the employment of the money to that use that it is given. And also every man that shall have any of the said money shall unto the Bailiff and his brethren put in two or three sufficient sureties for payment thereof after the order of Mr Willentun's book and also the Bailiff and his brethren shall every three or four years when the money is delivered up then to send a certificate to the Bailiff of Warwick who they be that have and their names whereby it may be known that the money is employed to the use it is given for.

[For a picturesque account of a visit by the Mayor and Corporation of Banbury to Warwick in connection with this charity, see 1656-7. The Thomas Oken charity still exists in Warwick, but it does not seem that the certificates of use have survived.]

A number of charitable bequests were made in the sixteenth century, which are listed in the Decree Concerning Charities of 20 January 1602/3, printed under that year. Extracts from the wills relating to these, apart from that above, have not been included here, as it is hoped in due course to publish a volume of all early Banbury wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and elsewhere.]

1583-4

[Book of Accounts, f.8v]

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The account of Robert Haywarde, late Bailiff, made 15 December 1584.

Remained 5 0 0

Which was delivered to John Haskey, Bailiff

[signed] John Knyght.

The account of Robert Yedens and Thomas Pymme, late chamberlains, made 15 December 1584.

Remained 24 0 0

Which sum was delivered to Mathew Wigette and Simon

Hathwey, newly elected chamberlains.

[signed] John Knyght.

The account of John Knight, the elder, and Mathew Knight, wardens of the town houses, made 15 December 1584.

Remained 44 0 9

Which sum was delivered to them again, remaining wardens.

[signed] John Knyght

1584-5

The account of John Haskey, taken 20 December 1585, being Bailiff for the year; by means of divers extraordinary charges, there remained nothing to be delivered to the new Bailiff.

Auditors: Roland Mericke, William Bentle.

The account of John Knight, the elder, and Mathew Knight, wardens of the town houses, made 20 December 1585.

Remained 2 12 0

Which sum was delivered to them, remaining wardens.

Auditors: Roland Mericke, William Bentle.

The account of Mathew Wiget and Simon Hathewey, chamberlains, made 20 December 1585.

Remained 25 0 0

Delivered to them again, remaining wardens.

Auditors: Roland Mericke, William Bentle.

1585-6

[Bailiff: Thomas Dixe]

[P.R.O. E.178/1845. Special Commissions. Oxford. 28 Eliz.]

[Note. The following rent roll is preceded by the actual commission, in Latin, which is omitted here.]

A Rent Roll of all the Quit-rents due to her Majesty within the borough of Banbury late exchanged with John, Earl of Warwick, for other lands, made before Richard Fynys Esquire and John Cowell, gentleman, her Majesty's Receiver General within the County of Oxon. and Berks.

The 12th day of August 1586 by virtue of Her Highness' Commission in that behalf to the said Richard and John directed, bearing date 16 May 28 Eliz., as followeth:

	£	s	d
viz.,			
First, of Anthony Cope Esq., for the quit rent of certain tenements, cottages and gardens within the borough of Banbury, per annum	1	7	6
Richard Fox, of Chacombe, gent., tenements, cottages and gardens		16	1
John Danvers, Esq., tenements, cottages and gardens	2	4	1
John Barnesley, of Banbury, tenements, cottages and gardens		13	8
William Hallhedd, of Banbury, tenements, cottages and gardens		2	5
John Knight, of Banbury, baker, tenements and lands		9	8
John Helmedon, of Banbury, one tenement		1	6
Richard Sowthame, of Netherthorpe, certain lands			3
Raphe Drye, of Bareford, one tenement		1	1
Anthony Claxone, of Banbury, parts of tenements		5	3
Thomas Pyme, of Banbury, one tenement and certain lands			6
William Rose, one tenement			7
William Longe, Thomas Bull, John Hall, Edward Grevill, gent., and George Chambers, tenements and cottages	3	0	
Simon Wickehame, William Norris, William Nichols and Robert Warner, tenements		1	0
Thomas Longe, of Banbury, tenements, cottages and gardens	3	1	
William Longe, of Banbury, one tenement			8 $\frac{1}{2}$
[blank] Clyfton, of Hook Norton, tenements	2	0	
Andrew Vivers, Robert Vyvers and Thomas Channdler, tenements, cottages and gardens		3	3
Robert Warner, John Vyvers and Epiphany Hill, tenements and cottages	1	1	
Andrew Vivers, of the same, a tenement			1
Richard Browne, of the same, a tenement in his tenure			10
The churchwardens of Lapworth, Warw., a tenement			10
Robert Warner and Henry Hallhead, of Banbury, tenements	1	1	
Roger Lane, a tenement [sum not clear]			5
Thomas Dixe, of Banbury, tanner, tenements	1	1	
Simon Wickehame, of Banbury, tenements and cottages	1	3	
Thomas Hale and Peter Dennowe, of Banbury, tenements			11

	£	s	d
Rowland Mericke, gent., tenements		2	3
Henry Halhed, of Banbury, tenements		5	3
Robert Symonds, of Banbury, a tenement		2	0
Widow Nichols, a tenement		1	6
Duodatus Fardam, a tenement [sum not clear]		1	5
[blank] Chitwood, gen., certain tenements		3	6
Robert Pope, a tenement			10
Richard Hall, of Burton, a tenement			8
Robert Heyward, a close...., a tenement			9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Thomas Hall, a tenement	5	0	
Cressent Buttry, divers shops	2	8	
Henry Shewell, a tenement		8	
The churchwardens of the borough of Banbury, certain tenements	3	2	
William Hall, a tenement		9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
The Vicar of Banbury for the rent of a garden plot	1	6	
Alice Gascoyne and Fowlke Taylor, a tenement	1	10	
William Baker, a tenement	5	0	
William Shoughboroughe and Thomas Wilsone, a tenement	1	0	
Thomas Bull, a tenement	2	0	
John Thorpe, a tenement		2	
Mathew Wiggat, a tenement		6	
John Elson, a tenement	2	2	
Thomas Whateley and Edward Williams[?], certain tenements	2	6	
Reynold Bennett, a tenement	1	6	
Robert Warner, a tenement		7	
Robert Alowe[?] and Edward Weste, certain tenements		8	
Thomas [Anth]onye [torn], a tenement	2	0	
Simon Hathwaye, a tenement	1	6	
William Alsopp, certain tenements	2	0	
[blank] Fawdrye, a tenement	3	0	
James Busshoppe and John Jarvise, a tenement		4	
The farmers of the guild of Banbury, certain tenements	2	15	4
Mighell Lorde, tenements, cottages and lands	2	1	
William Knighte, certain tenements		8	
[an item erased]			
Henry Wrichte, a tenement		1	6
Peter Gill, a tenement		18	0
Robert Idon, a tenement	1	13	4

[No further individual rents are given, and the rest of the tenants are run together in one continuous sequence. For ease of reading they are here presented separately.]

John Barnesley, a shop in the Flesh Shambles
Edward Glover, a tenement and garden in Horsemarket,
now in the tenure of Widow Nichols
William Davye, a tenement in Parsons Lane and a garden
plot in Sheep Street, now in the tenure of John Hartlett
John Wetherall, a tenement in Sheep Street, in the tenure
of John Knighte, baker

The said John Barnesley, a garden plot whereupon he has newly erected a tenement in Sugarbar Street, and one close of pasture lying by Cherwell stream, now in the tenure of the said John Barnesley

Humfrey Walker, a tenement, cottage and garden in North Bar Street, now in the tenure of Thomas Bull and William [or Widow?] Wise

Stephen Wiggett, a cottage and garden in St. John's Street, now in the tenure of Matthew Wiggett

Eustice Bosworthe, a tenement and garden plot in the Sheepmarket, now in the tenure of Thomas Bennett[?]

Bernard Hopkyns, a tenement and shop in the Flesh Shambles, now in the tenures of Widow Norris, Widow Ecclesfeld and Henry Undertree

Henry Hallhead, a tenement wherein he now dwells

Anne Rowland, a tenement, garden and cottage called woolhouse, now in the tenure of Robert Heywood

James Ideall[?], a garden plot without Sugarbar Street, now in the tenure of Mathew Wyggett

Johane Palmer, a tenement and garden in Northbar Street, in the tenure of the said Johane Palmer

Which lands, tenements and cottages in those several tenures as abovesaid now hath the lands of Sir John Periente[?], knight, and Thomas Ryve, as it appears by two lives purchase for the purchasing thereof, in the time of King Edward VI, and the yearly quit-rents thereupon ... [illegible]

[signed:] Richard Fynys
John Cowell

[Book of Accounts, f.8r]

The account of Thomas Dixe, late Bailiff, taken 5 December 1586.

	£	s	d
Remained	1	13	6

Auditors: Roland Mericke, Robert Hayward.

Of this sum, was delivered to John Knyght, then Bailiff	1	0	0
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The account of Mathew Wiget and Simon Hatheway, chamberlains, taken 5 December 1586.

Remained	37	0	0
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Auditors: Roland Mericke, Robert Hayward.

The account of John Knight, the elder, and Mathew Knight, wardens of the town houses, made on the day abovementioned

Nothing

Auditors: Roland Mericke, Robert Hayward.

1586-7

[f.210] At the Common Council in the Town Hall holden within the said Borough 12 July 29 Eliz. [1587] by John Knight, Bailiff, and the residue of the aldermen and burgesses, it is found upon examination before us that Thomas Longe and Andrew Vivers, being both of the said Company, have broken an order established for the preservation of the peace and other good orders amongst us. And therefore according £ s d to the same order we have for their misdemeanours imposed 6 8 upon either of them

[f.8r]

The account of John Knight, Bailiff, taken 18 March 30 Eliz. [1587/8].
Remained Nothing

Auditors: Thomas Long, William Bentley.

The account of Mathew Wyggett and Simon Hathawaye, wardens of the town houses, made on the day above mentioned 13 16 10

Which sum was then delivered to Henry Showell and

Humfrey Hadlye, the newly elected chamberlains.

Auditors: Thomas Long, William Bentley.

1587-8

[f.9v] The account of Robert Edens, late Bailiff, taken before William Halhed and Richard Wheatley, auditors, 9 December 31 Eliz. [1588].
Remains 4 0 0

Which sum is delivered to Thomas Longe, now Bailiff.

The account of Henry Showell and Humfrey Hadley, chamberlains, taken before William Halhed and Richard Wheatley, auditors, the day and year abovesaid.

Remained 13 6 6 $\frac{3}{4}$

Which sum and also £6.13s.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

amounted to 20 0 0

Which was delivered to the abovementioned newly elected chamberlains.

Memorandum. Mathew Knight and Thomas Wheatley, late constables, have made an even reckoning the day and year abovesaid and had all charges allowed and paid.

The account of Richard Wheatley and Mathew Knight, wardens for the town houses, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.

Remained 2 1 2

Which was delivered again to the wardens abovesaid until the next account.

[signatures:] William Halhed, Richard Whately

Wm Halhed *Richard Whately*

1588-9

[f.204] A Record of the Election of the Bailiff, Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, Sergeant at Mace, Auditors, Constables, Tithingmen, Aletasters and all other officers within the said Borough, chosen upon the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel [29 September] anno regni regine Elizabethe tricesimo, anno Domini 1588, being duly sworn for the execution of their offices.

Thomas Longe, chosen Bailiff, sworn for the true execution of his office, unto the supremacy according to the statute 27 Elizabeth.

William Knight, chosen Justice of the Queen's majesty's Peace, sworn for the true execution of his office and unto the supremacy.

Nicholas Austen, chosen Town Clerk, sworn to the true execution of his office and unto the supremacy.

Henry Smith, chosen Sergeant at the mace, sworn for the true execution of his office, unto the supremacy and according to the statute 27 Eliz.

Edward Eddon and Henry Lockwood, chosen Constables, sworn to the true execution of their office and unto the supremacy.

William Potter, Edward Packson, Nicodemus Edens and George Nicolls chosen for Tithingmen, sworn for the true execution of their office and unto the supremacy.

John Perrin and Henry Shirwood chosen Aletasters, sworn to the true execution of their office and unto the supremacy.

William Doane and Robert Yardly the elder, chosen Searchers and Sealers of leather and sworn to the true execution of their office.

Thomas Hake, Thomas Chaundler and Thomas Vardam chosen Tollgatherers and sworn to the true execution of their office.

William Halhed and Richard Wheatley, chosen for Auditors.

Henry Sewell and Humfrey Hadley chosen for Chamberlains.

[f.210] At the Common Council of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses held 7 December 31 Eliz., 1588, it was agreed by their whole consent and ... [left incomplete].

[f.5] [Mg. Borough and parish of Banbury, Oxon.]

At the Common Council Mr. Bailiff received into keeping one key of the great chest and Richard Wheatley one and Simon Hathway one, 21 December 1588.

[Mg. Three keys for the chest.]

[f.204] [The following section is crossed through:

At the assembly of the Common Council of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses holden within the said Borough 22 September 1589, it was agreed, ordained and established and decreed by their whole consent, that if at any time it shall happen in any choice of Bailiff, aldermen or burgesses or any other cause, that the voices given for the said choice shall be even, as many on the one side as on the other, that

[f.204] then the said Bailiff shall have his double voice and with whom he giveth his voice he shall be elected and chosen at that time.]

[f.9v] The account of Thomas Longe, late Bailiff, taken before Thomas Pymme and William Knight, auditors, 13 December 32 Eliz. [1589].

Remained	£	s	d
Which is to be delivered to William Halhed, now Bailiff. Thomas Pymme, William Knyght.	2	0	0

The account of Henry Shewell and Humfrey Hadlye, chamberlains, taken the day and year abovementioned.

Remained	Nothing
Thomas Pymme, William Knyght, auditors.	

Thomas Pymme
William Longe } auditors

1589-90

[Bailiff: William Halhed]

[On 19 September 1581 Thomas Brasbridge had been inducted to the perpetual vicarage of Banbury (see parish register). In 1590 the following petition was sent to Lord Burleigh. A supporting letter from Brasbridge, not reprinted here, is given by Beesley, 243-4.]

[British Library. Lansdowne MS.64, ff. 43-44v.]

To the Right Honorable and our very good Lord the Lord Treasurer of England one of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, etc.

Right honorable whereas Thomas Brasebrige many years a preacher of the word of God, allowed by the university of Oxford, was by the presentation of her majesty placed amongst us for our pastor, of whose godly conversation we are all witnesses: where also he hath painfully laboured in his vocation, teaching us our duties towards God, her majesty and of one towards another: So it is (Right honorable) that the said Mr Brasebrige is either altogether or very like to be deprived of the small living he had amongst us, some matters of ceremonies being prosecuted against him by such his adversaries of whose violence and wrong towards him the whole country has heard. In tender consideration whereof, and for that the maintenance in this place is so small that no learned man will undertake the same, whereby we are like to be led by an unfit guide: May it please your honour if upon his relation of the matter it shall seem reasonable to vouchsafe us the inhabitants of Banbury your honorable favour to be a means that he may continue amongst us his painful function, and we all shall make prayers for so honorable a personage, by whom we have received so great a blessing as

is the ordinary winning of our souls unto God.

Your honour's most humbly to command the Bailiff Justice and other the inhabitants of the borough and parish of Banbury.

16 June 1590. The inhabitants of the town of Banbury in number 95 having subscribed this petition, humbly pray your lordship's honorable favour for the continuance of their minister and a preacher, one Mr Bracebridg, amongst them, who is like to be deprived for matters of ceremonies.

William Halhed
Henry Showell
Thomas Long
Richard Whatelye
William Knyght
Thomas Whateley
Mathew Knyght
Mathew Wiggatt
Simon Hathway
George Nicolles
Humphrey Hadley
William Nicols
James Sawbridg
Edward Eden
Henry Lockwood
Edward Weston
John Whillshere
Nichodemus Edens
William Potter
William Daunt
Nicholas Austen
Richard Williamson
John Perin
Edward Willeamson
Edward Hadley
William Higgins
John Gill
John Jacksonn
Epiphany Hill
Theodore Mayer
[or Mager]
Robert Russell

Thomas Pedley
Bartholomew Nayler
Thomas Williamson
Christopher Stokes
John Aveye
Henry Lamprey
Richard Luckocke
John Winge
Thomas Wesstalle
John Sherwood
Nicholas Hewicke
Thomas Best
Robert Yardeley
Raphael Done
Thomas Clemens
Hugh Sherwood
John Nicholes
Thomas Smith
Francis Tomkys
Edward Walker
Robert Daye
John Warde
William Longe
Thomas Haulle
Robert Wisse
Robert Huike
John Keeling
Thomas Greene
Henry Bull
Thomas Halle
Michael Cartwrite
Henry Ireland

John Ryley
John Knight
Robert Pope
Richard Rainsford
Henry Sherwoode
Thomas Halhed
John Halhed
Mathew Winge
William Newman
Thomas Lardene
William Garland
Anthony Welles
John Jurden
William Thomkins
Thomas Mathew
John Badger
Matthew Wyse
Robert Toms
Robert Bull
William Aulsoppe
John Simones
Thomas Thomlinson
Richard Rogers
John Cleridge
Thomas Pope
Thomas Lord
Richard Spr[e]tly
Griffine Dewe
William Davis
Richard Engles
Richard Sabine
William Hartlette

[The petition was unsuccessful, and Ralph Houghton was inducted as Vicar on 10 July 1590. However Brasbridge continued to live in Banbury until his death three years later. He was buried 11 November 1593, and his probate inventory was the subject of an article in "Coke and Cockhorse", iii, 5 (Autumn 1966), pp.71-74. It is also included as no. 25 in Part One of "Banbury Wills and Inventories, 1591-1620", B.H.S. vol.13.]

[Book of Accounts, f.9r]

The account of William Halhed, late Bailiff, taken before William Knight and Mathew Knight, auditors, 28 December 1590.

Remains

£ s d
4 7 8

Which sum was all disposed towards charges of the Town Hall and other things allowed by the said auditors.

William Knyght, Mathew Knyght, auditors.

William Knyght
Mathew Knyght } auditors

The account of Anthony Clarkson and Thomas Foster, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.

Remained

Nothing

But the house is indebted to Thomas Foster for the charges laid out in his said office

4 7 6

Also the account of Richard Whett [Wheatley], Mathew Knight, auditors for the town houses, the day and year aforesaid.

Remains in the hands of Mathew Knight

8 4

1590-1

The account of Richard Wheatlye, late Bailiff, taken before Thomas Longe and Humfrey Hadlye, auditors, 17 December, 34 Eliz. [1591], the particulars whereof followeth:

For piccage, stallage and toll

32 11 10½

For Mr Ockham's money

1 0 0

and the old sergeant Smyth had received 6s.8d. which he paid not

For the money which Mr Knyght, deceased, gave to the Corporation for the use of the poor

13 4

and there remains in the old Sergeant's hand, 13s.4d.*

For the Crown Pool Bank and divers other things, as waifs and strays, felons' goods, and such like

3 11 11

Of the estreats for our Lady Day last and Michaelstide last

3 7 5

Total

41 4 6½

Note of the expenses

Laid out for mending the Town Hall, payments of the Queen's rents and divers other things as in the book made for that purpose may appear

36 17 1½

Remained in arrears to the use of the Corporation

4 7 5

* John Knight, alderman and baker, who died 1587, by his will (P.C.C. 36 Rutland, 1588) left to the corporation, for the poor, 'the house ... wherein one Henry Smith now dwelleth', on condition Smith was granted a 21-year lease at an annual rental of £1.6s.8d.

[10v]

£ s d

There was paid of the same sum all duties remaining
to the constables and tithingmen for carriage of
felons to the gaol and such like, there remained
of the said sum

7 2

Which was delivered to Henry Showell, now Bailiff

[Auditors:] Thomas Long, Humfrey Hadley

The account of Thomas Foster and William Nicholes, chamberlains,
13 December [1591].

Remained

8 9 8½

Which sum at the same time was delivered to the
said chamberlains.

[Auditors:] Thomas Long, Humfrey Hadley

1591-2

[f.204] Michael[mas] [29 September] 33 Elizabeth, 1591.

Henry Showell chosen Bailiff, sworn to the true execution of his
office and to the supremacy.

[The remaining officers, below, were chosen under the same conditions,
as in 1588-9, except that the Searchers and Sealers of Leather, the
Auditors and the two Tollgatherers are not entered as taking the oath
of supremacy.]

Justice of the Peace:

William Knight

Town Clerk:

Nicholas Austen

Sergeant at the Mace:

John Perrin

Constables:

William Daunt, Nicodemus Edens,

John Symondes and Thomas Bennet

Tithingmen:

Thomas Blissard, George Richardes,

Bartholomew Naylor and John Avery

Aletasters:

Richard Williamson and Hugh Shirwood

Searchers and Sealers of Leather: William Doane and Robert Yardley the
elder

Auditors:

Mathew Knight and Humfrey Hadley

Tollgatherer for the Sheep Market: Thomas Hake

Tollgatherer for the Beasts' Market: Thomas Williamson

[f.210] At the Common Council of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses
held 13 December, 34 Eliz. [1591], it is ordered by the consent of those
whose names are subscribed that Richard Wheatlye, accountant, shall be
committed to ward by the Constable to be named by the auditors, for
that he refuseth to pay such arrearages as are due by him to be paid,
as by his account may appear.

Henry Showell

Mathew Wyggett

William Nicols

William Knyght

Simon Hathway

Nicodemus Edens

Thomas Long auditors

Thomas Foster

William Potter

Humfrey Hadley

Edward Edonn

William Daunt

William Halhed

Robert Warner

John Gill

Henry Lockwood

Henry Showell
 William Knight.
 Thomas Long } Auditors
 Thomas Long
 Thomas Long

Matthew Knight
 Thomas Knight
 Edward Knight
 Robert Marrow
 Henry Lockwood
 William Nicols
 Henry Eltons
 William Foster
 William Nicols
 John Giff

Signatures of the Corporation, 13 December 1591 [f.210]
 (see previous page)

[f.10v] The account of Henry Showell, late Bailiff, taken before William Halhed and Mathew Knight, auditors, 3 March, 35 Eliz., 1592[3].

	£	s	d
For piccage and stallage	34	15	4 ³ / ₄
For other receipts	11	3	3
The whole payments	48	2	6
So that, adding to the receipts the 7s.2d. which he received of the last Bailiff, the Incorporation remains indebted to Henry Showell		1	16 10

Memorandum. The said £1.16s.10d. was presently paid to Henry Showell the day and year abovesaid.

The account of Thomas Foster and William Nicolles, chamberlains, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.
 Remained due to the Incorporation

Nothing

[f.10v] The account of Mathew Knight and Richard Whateley, auditors for the town houses, the day and year abovesaid.

	£	s	d
Remained in the hands of Mathew Knight	43	0	4

Memorandum. The same day and year Thomas Foster and William Nicolles were appointed to continue chamberlains for the next year, and there remained nothing in their hands but such debts as appear in the chamberlains' book.

Nothing

[Auditors:] William Halhed, Mathew Knight.

1592-3

[f.204v] 18 December 1592, 35 Eliz.

A Note of such things as are delivered by Henry Showell, late Bailiff, to Thomas Whateley, now Bailiff.

The Charter, the Seal and the Mace.

The brasen measures, viz., a pottel, a quart and a pint, a brasen yard and a half yard.

Three marking irons to seal weights and measures.

A strike at the Cage, tied with a chain, and another at the Court Hall to try the strikes and a peck.

The Book of Account, the Book of Orders, the Book of the Poor that have the Queen's pension and two Toll Books, viz., one for the Sheep Market and another for the Beasts' Market.

The Obligation for the money given by Mr. Brightwell.*

A Counterpane [i.e., counterpart] of the gift of Mr Oken's money, one of the Indenture.

The brasen weights and scales which the Tasters use.

Stocks, pillory, cucking stool and tumbrel.

[f.10] The account of Thomas Whateley, late Bailiff, taken before Mathew Knight and Henry Showell, auditors, 14 January, 36 Eliz., 1593 [1593/4].

For piccage and stallage, beasts' market and sheep market toll, and some other receipts

38 7 9½

For the estreats

2 9 7

Total

40 17 4½

The whole payments amount to

44 5 2

Memorandum that the said Thomas Whateley, receiving nothing of the old Bailiff, the Company remains indebted to the said Thomas

3 7 10

[Mg.] Paid.

The account of Thomas Foster and William Nicholles, chamberlains, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid,

Remains

2 11

Which sum was delivered to Edward Eddon, who himself, and George Nicolles [Henry Lockwood d.], are chosen chamberlains until the next account. Md., to look for the old debts in the chamberlains' book.

* Edward Brightwell left £50 'stock' to the Corporation (PGC 27:1572).

[f.10] The account of Mathew Knight and Richard Whateley, auditors, for the town houses, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.

	£	s	d
Remains in Mathew Knight's hands	4	4	0

1593-4

The account of James Sabrydge, late Bailiff, taken before William Knight and Humfry Hadlye, auditors, 16 December, 37 Eliz., 1594.

For piccage and stallage, beasts' market and sheep	24	6	7
market toll, and other receipts	2	18	3
For the estreats			
Sum	27	4	10
The whole payments amount to	26	8	5
So remains of his account		16	5

The account of Edward Edon and George Nicholes, chamberlains.

Received	39	10	3
The old money remaining in their hands		2	11
Remains of their accounts	4	18	2

[f.11] The account of Mathew Knight and Richard Wheatlye for the town houses, taken before the auditors, the day before written.

Remained in the hands of [blank], together with the sum remaining in their hands at the last account	3	15	8
So that there remains	5	14	7

Delivered out of the same to Thomas Wheatlye, due upon his account when he was Bailiff, 1593	3	7	10
Restored back of ameracements to Steward and Pedlye		6	8
Due for the poor out of Mr Knight's money which the Bailiff had received and not paid		13	4
To Mr Richard Wheatlye, received of his ameracement			6
Remains in the hands of the said chamberlains	1	6	3

[Auditors:] William Knyght, Humfrey Hadley.

William Knyght.
Humfrey Hadley

1594-5

[f.11v] The account of Mathew Knight, late Bailiff, taken before James Sawbridg and William Halhed, auditors, and William Knight, Bailiff, Henry Showell, Justice, 12 December, 38 Eliz. [1595].

	£	s	d
For piccage and stallage, the tolls of the beasts' market and sheep market, and other receipts	41	7	9
The whole payments amount to	29	15	8
whereof was presently paid out the 12s.1d.			
Remained	[sic] 10	0	0
which is delivered to William Knight, now Bailiff.			

The account of Edward Eddon and George Nicolles, chamberlains, before the said parties, the day and year abovesaid.

Whole receipts	40	9	2
Whole payments	36	8	6
Remained	4	0	0
which is delivered to William Knight, now Bailiff.			

The account of Mathew Knight and William Knight for the town houses, the day and year abovesaid.

Remained in the hands of Mathew Knight	46	0	3
[Auditors:] William Halhed, James Sawbryeg.			

1595-6

The account of William Knyght, late Bailiff, taken before [James Sa-brydge d] Humfry Hadley, Bailiff, and Mathew Knyght, auditor, with others of the Company, 27 November 39 Eliz. [1596].

Receipts	29	18	8
Laid out of the same	29	15	8
Remains to the town	3	0	
The sergeant paid for the estreats	2	11	1
Received of the chamberlains		1	11
Remained in the auditors' hands	2	16	0
Whereof was paid for carrying money to Oxford and for writing out the bill of the fifteen		1	6
To Henry Lockwood and William Potter, money owing to them that they lent to the town	1	0	0
To the constables	1	11	0
For the poor man that buried the dead		2	6
To the chamberlains		1	0
So there remains			Nothing

There remained for the town houses in the hands of Mathew Knight for the repair of the bridge and Sugar Bar Lane

3 10 9

[Auditors:] Humfry Hadley, Mathew Knyght.

1596-7

[f.12] The account of Humfrey Hadley, late Bailiff, taken before Henry Showell and James Sawbridge, auditors, and Richard Wheatley, Bailiff and William Knight, Justice, 19 November, 40 Eliz., 1597.

	£	s	d
Remains to the chamberlains [Mg. with the estreats]	5	11	5
Paid out hereof for our dinner at the Alterstone		9	0
Paid Mr Thomas Wheatley for charges in law to answer Mr Blyncoe*	1	12	0
Paid Mr Shorte for the rest of the assistant money which was due in Mr Helmes time.	3	16	0
So that he is all paid to Michael[mas] last, 1597			
Paid to goodwife [Anne] Thorpe that her husband [Anthony] Clarkson lent to the building of the new hall		9	9

The account of Edward Eddon and George Nicolles, chamberlains, taken before the said parties, the day and year aforesaid.

The whole receipts amount to	38	9	6
The whole payments amount to	37	5	3
So there remains of their account	1	4	3
Whereof was given to Mr Powell, two couples of cheeses and the carriage		2	0
Paid more than we received of Mr Bailiff's account as appears above	15	4	
Now there remains in the auditors' hands	7	0	
More received which John Heynes, cobbler, paid	3	4	
Remains in the auditors' hands only			3
For that the said auditors paid Nicdemus Edens that he lent to the building of the hall	10	0	
And they paid to Thomas Web the 3d., so there remains			Nothing

Memorandum, we, the auditors, upon reckoning the bills of the constables and tithingmen, we have allowed to be paid

To Henry Shirwood, constable	17	10	
To Thomas Halhed	7	0	
To William Samon	5	0	
[To Thomas Web d] paid and quit the last [day] of February, 1598 [Mg. paid] [d]	7	12	

Memorandum, that there is to be gathered in the town to pay Mr Sawbridge which he laid out for souldiers	3	0	2
And more that George Nycolles laid out		13	3
	[Mg.	5	4 3]

[Auditors:] Henry Showell, James Sawbrydg

* It was George Blynco, gen., that brought the Star Chamber case of 1604 against members of the Corporation - see under 1599-1600.

1597-8

[Bailiff: Richard Wheatley]

[f.12v] Money lent to the use of the poor by a stock to be employed to set them on work.

[Mg. 14 January 1597/8] Agreed by the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses that every person that shall have any of this money in his hands to set the poor on work, shall repay the same upon the morrow after St. Mathew's day [21 September] to the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses in the Court Hall or Town Hall. And that if any of the persons that have lent any of the money die before the day then the money by him lent shall be paid and delivered the executors of him the deceased by the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses. [This note follows the list of names.]

[There are two notes relating to repayments. The first is part of the heading, though written later, and reads:]

They are all paid whose names are crossed, and they who are not crossed are paid half.

[The whole list is bracketed, and a second note, in the same colour of ink as the second column of figures, reads:]

Every man being paid a third part the whole amounts to £4.10s.3d., the overplus of 9s.9d. being paid to Mr Eton, in part satisfaction of his debt.

[The initials in the margin appear to have been entered at the same time as the second column of figures.]

	£	s	d	s	d		£	s	d	s	d
J.N. Mr Dixe	15	0	3	4	pd.	J. Halhed	1	0	0	3	4
pd. Mr Halhed	1	0	0	3	4	[not pd. G. Southam	6	8	d		
J.N. Mr R. Wheatly	1	0	0	3	4	J.A. M. Cartwright	6	8		1	1
pd. Mr Wm. Knight	1	0	0	3	4	J.N. Mr Blyncoe	13	4		2	3
R.V. Mr M. Knight	1	0	0	3	4	J.A. R. Bannester	10	0		1	8
J.N. Mr Showell	1	0	0	3	4	J.N. R. Russell	13	4		2	3
J.N. Mr Sawbridg	10	0	1	8		J.N. E. Man	5	0		10	
R.V. E. Eddon	1	0	0	3	4	J.N. J. Wing	10	0		1	8
W.K. S. Hathway	5	0		10		J.N. E. Wisdome	13	4		2	3
pd. T. Foster	6	8		1	1	J.A. R. Secole	5	0		10	
+ H. Lockwood	[10	0	d]			pd. T. Web	6	8		1	1
pd. N. Edens	10	0		1	8	T.F. W. Samon	5	0		10	
J.A. W. Potter	10	0		1	8	N.Ed. H. Dudley	5	0		10	
pd. G. Nicolles	1	0	0	3	4	W.K. H. Shirwood	5	0		10	
J.N. J. Gill	1	0	0	3	4	J.N. R. Bently	5	0		10	
pd. J. Nicolles	10	0		1	8	J.N. W. Wheatly	6	8		1	1
pd. T. Halhed	1	0	0	3	4	+ E. Hadley	[6	8	d]		
W.K. Mr T. Wheatley	1	0	0	3	4	+ T. Hadley	[5	0	d]		
J.A. Mr Hadley	10	0		1	8	J.A. Mr N. Austen	10	0		1	8
J.N. W. Nicolles	1	0	0	1	8	J.N. W. Pym	1	0	0	3	4
J.A. J. Jackson	10	0		1	8	J.N. W. Garland	10	0		1	8
J.N. T. Maior	10	0		1	8	J.N. J. Garland	10	0		1	8
pd. E. Hill	10	0		1	8	[W. Borrowe d]					
J.N. T. Blissard	10	0		1	8	[Mg. £27.13s.4d. d, £26.1s.8d.]					

[f.204v] 4 September 1598.

Memorandum. That at the Common Council of the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses there holden the day and year aforesaid, William Saunders was put out of the place of Beadleship of this Borough by the voices of Richard Whateley, Bailiff, William Knight, Justice, Thomas Wheatley, Henry Showell, Edward Eddon, John Gill, Simon Hathway, Henry Lockwood, Nicodemus Edens, William Potter, John Nycolls, and Nicholas Austin.

The voices of those that would have Saunders [as] Beadle: Thomas Dix, Thomas Long, William Bentley, William Halhed, Mathew Wigget and Thomas Foster.

[f.13] The account of Richard Wheatley, late Bailiff, taken before William Bentley and William Knight, auditors, Edward Eddon, Bailiff, and John Gill, Justice, and others, the last day of February, 41 Eliz., 1598[9].

	£	s	d
Remained, delivered to Edward Eddon, Bailiff, being yet chamberlain	2	6	7

All the constables and tithingmen are paid their charges charges to this day.

Also Edward Eddon and George Nicolles, chamberlains, have fully accounted and paid the overplus to the auditors; which the auditors paid out in charges.

Memorandum, there remains in distresses in the sergeant's hands

Whereof there is given back to John Walsoll	4	6	4
We allow to be paid back to Thomas Harris of his £1	18	8	
To be given back to John Garland of his £1	10	0	
John Walsoll has delivered to the auditors and the old Bailiff together	10	0	

So there remains in distresses in the sergeant's hands but	2	17	8
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[Auditors:] William Bentley, William Knyght

1598-9

[Bailiff: Edward Eddon]

[f.202v] 5 February 1598[9].

1. Memorandum, that Mr Edward Brightwell gave out of the house where Mathew Knight dwelleth, yearly to the poor for ever, £1.
2. And more out of a house now Mr William Halhed's wherein Thomas Web, mercer, now dwelleth, to the poor yearly on Good Friday, £1.
3. And Mr Oken of Warwick gave £40, out of which is paid yearly to the poor, 13s.4d.
4. And Mr Calcatt of Williamscot gave yearly to our poor for ever, which is yearly sent from Mr Chambers of Williamscot, £1.
5. And Mr John Knight, baker, gave to the poor yearly for ever [out of d.] the house where John Plumpton dwelleth, £1.6s.8d.
6. And Joan Knight, wife of the said John Knight, deceased, yearly to the poor so long as the lease of the Ensoms doth continue, £1.

[f.202v]

7. And as William Halhed saith there is given by his father's will yearly to the poor for ever out of the house his father died in [in] Banbury, to be paid yearly before Christ-tide in cloth, £1.

[f.14] The account of Edward Eddon, late Bailiff, taken before Henry Showell and Nicholas Austen, auditors, 26 December 1599, 42 Eliz.

	£	s	d
The Company remained in his debt	42	18	0
Also the chamberlains, Nicodemus Edens and John Nycolles, made their account, and there remained not received of them	2	18	2
Also of the Sergeant for his account for his escheats we received	2	15	0
More of the Sergeant for the Crown pool bank		6	8
Whereof we paid the constables more than we received of them		17	4
So there remains	5	2	6
Which is delivered to Mr Eddon to take out of the goods of writ that clipped the money 7s.6d., and so he is paid of the £42.18s.	5	10	0
And now there rests to be paid to Mr Eddon	37	8	0
Item, there remains still in the Sergeant's hands of the last account in distresses	2	17	8
[Mg., against the above entry:] discharged all but £1.			
And more to be considered by the Company of these estreats for setting houses to strangers	14	0	0
And for inmates	1	16	8
And of the three constables and four tithingmen 5s. a piece	1	15	0
Memorandum, to receive of George Moseley for a bloodshed		6	8
And Mr Eddon has brought in his 'quietus est'.			
[Auditors:] Henry Showell, Nicholas Austen			
Memorandum, that Thomas Foster demanded that he laid out more than he received to buy corn for the poor	1	10	0

Henry Showell Nicholas Austen

1599-1600

[Bailiff: Thomas Wheatley]

[This very interesting lawsuit has been extensively discussed by P.D.A. Harvey in "Oxoniansia", xxxi, 1966, pp.83-106, 'Where Was Banbury Cross?', and in a less-detailed version in "Cake and Cockhorse", iii, 10 (Winter 1967), pp.183-91, 'Where Were Banbury's Crosses?'.]

The only surviving record of the case, George Blynco vs. William Knight, John Gill, Richard Wheatly, Thomas Wheatly and Henry Shewell, brought in the Court of Star Chamber, is a deposition by Matthew Knight (and the questions put to him). Dr Harvey printed the latter part of this deposition in full as an appendix to the "Oxoniansia" article, but omitted the answers to the first four questions, which did not relate to the history of the crosses. This part of the deposition is therefore now printed, in modernised form - its relevance to this volume will be self-evident.

Although the lawsuit did not come to court until 1604, it is placed under 1599-1600 as the main events to which it refers, the destruction of the crosses, took place in July 1600.]

[P.R.O. STAR CHAMBER 8/82/23] [f.1]

The examination of Matthew Knight of Banbury, mercer, aged 60 or thereabouts, sworn and examined:

To the first interrogatory he saith that he knoweth the party and defendants and hath known the most part of them for the space of thirty years past and upwards. And doth know that the defendants William Knight, John Gill, Richard Wheatley, Thomas Wheatley and Henry Shewell are or were knit or linked in affinity and special friendship by reason of marriages.

To the second interrogatory he saith he is thoroughly persuaded in his conscience that it hath been laboured and earnestly endeavoured by the said William Knight, Richard Wheatley, Thomas Wheatley, Henry Shewell and John Gill or the most or some of them that one of them five should be either Bailiff or Justice of Banbury yearly from year to year; and the reasons that do induce this deponent to believe the same to be true are for that he doth certainly know that when one Thomas Longe an ancient Alderman than any of those five before named are, was on the morrow after St. Matthew's day nominated to stand to be Bailiff of Banbury, by an order used in the same borough, that then presently the said William Knight came unto and laboured this deponent being then an Alderman there and used unto this deponent divers persuasions and reasons for to hinder and keep back the said Thomas Longe from being Bailiff there, and the like persuasions used he to others, for which this deponent was greatly offended towards the said William Knight, and told him that it was very unfit he should so do, but in the end the said William Knight brought it so to pass that the said Thomas Longe was put by from being Bailiff at that time there; and in like manner before that time the said William Knight did work the means that one Thomas Pyme, an ancient Alderman there, was kept off from being Bailiff there.

[f.2] And further saith that now of late days the said William Knight was the principal means that the said Thomas Longe was and is expelled out of the Company of Aldermen there; and this deponent also saith that he doth verily believe in his conscience that the said William Knight, Richard Wheatley, Thomas Wheatley, Henry Shewell and John Gill have laboured and designed the office of Bailiff there for the gain thereof and to them also that they would bear sway and over-rule all other their neighbours within the said borough. And this deponent saith that although the said William Knight be neither Bailiff nor Justice there, yet he placeth and displaceth whom he pleaseth and that nothing is there done by either Bailiff or Justice without the said William Knight his privity likes or consent. And this deponent further saith that he doth certainly know that the office of Bailiff of Banbury (as it is now used by them) is well worth thirty pounds by the year above all charges; and saith that he hath heard Thomas Longe offer to give unto them for that office of Bailiff there by the year forty marks and pay all manner of other charges by means of that office; and further saith that since the said William Knight was Bailiff of Banbury to the end that the uttermost value of the said office of Bailiff there might not be generally known to all the Company there, he the said William Knight did labour and in the end obtained and got the whole Company of Aldermen and burgesses there to consent that he that should be Bailiff there should pay the farm rent reserved by their Charter and ten pounds in money to the chamberlains of that borough towards the increase of a stock there; and then should have all the overplus of the commodity thereof to employ and bestow at the Bailiff's own pleasure; and saith further that one of those five, viz., William Knight, Richard Wheatley, Thomas Wheatley, Henry Shewell and John Gill have been most commonly either Bailiff or Justice there of that borough for divers years [f.3] together, and so are like to continue so long as the said William Knight beareth such sway there. And this deponent saith that he the better knoweth the premises to be true for that he hath bourne the office of the Bailiff of Banbury and also hath been an Alderman there for divers years until of late years that the said William Knight brought it so to pass that he this deponent was put out of the Company of Aldermen there.

To the third interrogatory he saith that there is a very fair large mace of silver and gilt carried to and from the Church and to the Town Hall there before the said Bailiff of Banbury; and saith that the said William Knight was the first that devised and caused the same to be made, which was some fifteen years since or thereabouts, and saith that there was never any such large mace carried before any of the said William Knight his predecessors being Bailiff there since the Incorporation of Banbury was granted, which was in the first year of the reign of Queen Mary. And further saith that there hath been more controversies and debates amongst the inhabitants of Banbury and others thereabouts of those countries adjoining since the said William Knight first began to have office there than ever were since the first incorporation of Banbury. And saith that the peaceable government of the same Borough of Banbury is much altered from that it hath been; and saith that the said William Knight is the only means and cause thereof;

[f.3] and saith that the country gentlemen and people of the countries round about Banbury for the most part of them are nothing like so well affected towards the inhabitants of Banbury as heretofore they have been before that the said William Knight began to be in office there. And saith that the cause is for that the said William Knight hath in his own

[f.4] person and also hath been a means that divers abuses and hard dealings have been offered sundry times to the country people coming within the said borough to make merry there. And further saith that the greater part of the inhabitants in Banbury are much decayed of late times in their estates and trades by reason of those controversies and dislikes of country people. And saith that the better sort of the country people do not now so usually send to the town of Banbury for such wares they need of as before time they have done, but do send to other market towns for the same, and this deponent doth verily believe in his conscience that there is not so much money bestowed in wares and other provisions in Banbury by the year now since the said William Knight began to bear office there as there was heretofore by two thousand marks in a year at the least, which this deponent the better knoweth for that this deponent hath been a mercer in Banbury for the space of thirty-two years mostly or thereabouts. And he saith that he of late days comparing his latter shop books with the olden shop books he doth find that he doth not turn and winde so much money in his trade by the year as he did before these controversies began by six hundred pounds a year at the least in this deponent's small dealings in mercery wares there.

To the fourth interrogatory, he saith that he which is chosen to be Justice of the peace for one year within the said Borough of Banbury is sworn before the Bailiff and the other Aldermen and burgesses of that Borough duly and truly to execute his said office of a Justice of peace there for that year.

[The remainder of the deposition is printed in "Oxoniensia". In it Matthew Knight mentions that the masons who demolished the High Cross on 26 July 1600 were named Thomas Colinge and James West, and that he had tried to prevent this in the presence of William Alsopp and Ralph Tompson. He subsequently went to various 'auncient' aldermen to get their support, naming Thomas Longe, William Bentley and William Halhed, 'who was then blind and had lost his sight divers years'. At the demolition of the Bread Cross, stones were sold to various people including Michael Cartwright, the money going to Henry Shewell, whilst Thomas Wheatley 'and the rest of the company' benefitted in their 'private use' in the letting of stalls to butchers on its site. He concluded that the ostensible reason for the destruction of the crosses was the doffing of his hat to the High Cross by John Traftord, who lived in Grimsbury.

Harvey (and Potts, p.121) quote a letter dated 13 January 1601/2 which states that, on the destruction of the cross, the Archbishop of Canterbury 'convented the chief actors before him ... and bound them over to receive condign punishment before the Lords in the Star Chamber' Charges incurred in this case and in appearing before the Archbishop's Court of High Commission occur regularly in accounts up to 1611-2.]

[Book of Accounts, f.14v]

The account of Thomas Wheatley, late Bailiff, taken before John Gill and George Nickolls, auditors, 5 January 1600[1].

	£	s	d
The Company is indebted to him [£12.3s. d.]	5	0	2
besides the charges of the Bread Cross			

The account of the chamberlains the same day, Nicodemus Edens and John Nickhols,

and we received of them which was due to the town	1	2	5
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Also of the Sergeant for his estreats	3	13	4
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For Mr Okam's money	1	6	8
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He is discharged of old reckonings and owes	1	0	0
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[There is more reserved to the Company for the amercements of the Company - d.]

[Auditors:] John Gyll, George Nicolles.

Remains in the hands of George Nycoles	6	2	5
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Whereof there was paid to Mr Eddon	2	0	0
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Now we owe Mr Eddon of £37.8s.0d.	35	8	0
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So there rests in George Nycolles' hands	4	2	5
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[Auditors:] John Gyll, George Nicolles.

1600-1

[f.15] The account of William Knight, late Bailiff, taken before William Bently and John Gill, auditors, 24 December 1601.

The Company is indebted to him, with the estreats	19	12	4
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The account of Nicodemus Edens and John Nycolles, chamberlains, taken before the said auditors, the day and year aforesaid.

Received net	3	5	4
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To receive of Robert Horwood for his freedom	3	0	0
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To receive of William Whrigham for his freedom	5	0	0
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Of the Sergeant we, the auditors, received of the £1 which he owed the last year	18	0	
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The Sergeant to reckon for Mr Oken's money for this Bailiff's time	1	6	8
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George Nycolles allowed of the £4.2s.5d. he had the last year	3	15	0
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The auditors reckoned the rest, namely	1	4	
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[d. - Memorandum, we owe to B. Naylor for dressing the town harness	1	3	0]
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Memorandum, the Sergeant is to pay the £1.6s.8d. for Mr Oken's money to Mr Knight, and we are still in his debt	18	5	8
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[Mg.] I have received the 28s.8d.[sic], W. Knight.			
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Paid to the use of the poor that Mr Knight accounted for, Plumpton's money*	1	6	8
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Paid to Mr Eaton	2	10	0
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so now we owe Mr Edon in all	32	18	0
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* The rent of the house occupied by John Plumpton went to the poor.

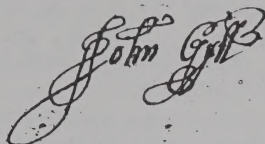
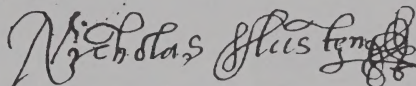
[f.15]

Laid out for the other reckonings, the rest of the odds,
so there remained

£ s d

Nothing

[Auditors:] John Gyll, Nicholas Austen

1601-2

[f.16] The account of Henry Showell, late Bailiff, taken before
Thomas Whately and Nicholas Austen, auditors, 17 December 1602, 45 Eliz

The Company remains indebted to Mr Showell 13 18 6

The account of the chamberlains, Nicodemus Edens and Thomas Web.

Received the overplus of their account, nothing
remaining in their hands 2 9 0

And out of the estreats 2 11 0

Total 5 0 0

Received of Richard Vivers and Bartholomew Naylor,
constables, for bloodshed and frays 3 4 0

Owing to the said constables which they laid out for
carrying of prisoners to Oxford and for conveying of
cripples, and other things 1 9 5

We paid Thomas Bennet in full satisfaction of his debt
and given the constables 2 0 0

And so we have overplus 8 0 0

Whereof there is delivered to Mr Showell of his
£13.18s.6d. the sum of 6 0 0

So there is owing to Mr Showell 7 18 6

The other £2.1s.0d. is appointed to Mr Knight onwards
of his charges laid out upon the troubles by Mr Blyncoe.

And before in Mr Knight's account we owed him £18.5s.8d.
so we owe him still 16 5 2

[Auditor:] Nicholas Austen.

1602-3

[Bailiff: John Gill]

[P.R.O. C.93/1/24]

[Note. The document has been affected by damp on one side, and the ends of lines are not easily legible. Beesley, pp.248-50, prints an abstract, and in the concluding part this has been followed closely, after careful comparison with the original.]

An Order and Decree made, indented and set down at Banbury, 20 January 45 Eliz. [1602/3], by Sir Richard Fennys and Sir Anthony Cope, knights, Richard Cheetwood, Thomas Chamberlayne, Thomas Hawton, Esquires; Thomas Owen, Bachelor of ... commission authorised by commission awarded out of her high court of Chancery under the Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster 26 June 44 Eliz., for to redress the employment of ... goods, pensions, annuities and stocks of money heretofore given to charitable uses according to the statute made in Parliament ... October 34 Eliz., insituted a ... for redress for the employment of ... given for charitable uses.

For as much as it has been this day sufficiently proved before Sir Richard Fennys and Sir Anthony Cope, commissioners ... to enquire by oath of twelve lawful men as by confession of witnesses and all other good and lawful means and ways. That ... tenements, burgages, annuities, pensions, stocks and sums of money hereinafter mentioned and expressed have been given, limited and assigned and appointed by divers persons hereafter particularly named to and for the charitable use ... purposes hereafter particularly mentioned, expressed and declared within the borough and parish of Banbury, viz.

One burgage or tenement situate in Banbury in a street called Bridge End street on the south side of the same street between [the house] of Henry Lockwood on the east and a tenement of Sir Anthony Cope knight, on the west, and now in the tenure or occupation of William Nycholls, given to the repair of Banbury Bridge and the highways in Banbury, of yearly rent of 2s.6d.

Another on the north side of Sheep street or Bowltinge street between a tenement of Thomas Wheatly on the east and a tenement of William Knight on the west, now in the occupation of Robert Muddyn, given to the use aforesaid, of yearly rent of £1.

Another on the south side of the High Street between a tenement of Henry Showell on the east and a tenement of Michael Fox, gent., on the west, and now in the tenure of John Perryn, given to the repair of the highways without ... Sugarford Bar, of yearly rent of 16s.8d.

Another on the west side of North Bar street between a tenement of William Wheigham on the north and a tenement of Edward Walker, labourer on the south, and now in the occupation of Robert Croftes, given to the repair of the highways in North Bar street, of yearly rent of 8s.

And an almshouse near unto the churchyard which is employed to lodge the most poor, old and impotent people there in the town.

And certain arable land and leys in Neithrop and Calthorpe fields, viz.

One acre and two butts at the end thereof of ley ground in Neithrop field in a place called Barrett Leys shooting east and west between the lands of Matthew Longe on the north side and the land of Sir Anthony Cope, knight, now in the occupation of Michael Cartwright, on the south side; And one sidelong of pasture ground lying in Calthorpe fields on the west side of Barrett Leas and next to the ditch or hedge adjoining the Leas and the grounds of Sir Anthony Cope lie on the west side thereof; And one land of arable and sidelong of pasture in Calthorpe fields, on the south side of the brook or lake in a place called the Wynyardes, on the west side of Barrett Leas, and the land of Thomas Halhead the younger lies on the south side thereof; And two acres more or less of arable land in Calthorpe field without the lane called Sugarford Lane at the nether end of Berry Moor in a place called the Church Pits, between the lane on the east side and the lands of Thomas Halhead the younger on the west side, all of which are now in the tenure of Thomas Gibbard, paying yearly for the same twelve strike of malt.

And one burgage or tenement sometimes called the Church House and now a Schoolhouse, on the north side of the churchyard, now in the tenure of the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury, at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.

And another on the west side of Newland Street, between the land of Francis Knight of the city of Bristol, merchant, on the south side, [and] Henry Showell [sadler ?] on the north side, now in the occupation of Widow Browne, at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.

And four others lying together in Parsons Lane on the north side, between the land of William Bowers of Hanwell, husbandman, on the east side and the land of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, now in the occupation of Matthew Knight on the west side; one of which is now in the occupation of Richard Taylor, weaver, at the yearly rent of 10s.; one in the occupation of Robert Myddlebrook, ..., at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.; one in the occupation of Widow Ivorve, at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.; and the other in the occupation of Valentyne Deene, glover, ...

And four others in Parsons Lane on the south side, lying between the Parsonage yard on the east side and the High Street [almost illegible; but so in Beesley] on the west side; one of which is now in the occupation of Widow Sandders, at the yearly rent of 8s.; one other in the occupation of Edward Hayward[?], at the yearly rent of [illegible]; and one in the occupation of William Shughbrough, at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.; and the other in the occupation of ... Goodyn[?], at the yearly rent of 6s.8d.

[All the] last rated lands, tenements and burgages were given to the repair of the Parish Church of Banbury.

And one tenement on the east side of Colebar Street between a tenement of William Wotton on the north side [and one] of Sir Anthony Cope on the south, which was given by John Knight of Banbury, baker deceased, by his will to the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury to the use of the poor of the Borough.

[mg.] Annuities.

And also one Annuity or yearly pension of 20s. given by Edward Britwell of Banbury, mercer deceased, to the use of the poor of Banbury to be paid yearly for ever out of [the tenement where] Thomas Webb now dwells in Barkhill street, between the tenement of [blank] on the east and the tenement of John Pym on the west, to be paid yearly on Good Friday.

And 20s. more given by Johan [Knight], widow of one John Knight of Banbury, baker deceased, to the poor out of her part of a lease of Eynsham meadows in the parish of Banbury, to be paid yearly during the lease ... by her executor, and William Knight her son is her Executor and has paid the same accordingly.

And 20s. more given by Henry Halhead, late of Banbury, draper deceased, to the poor yearly to be paid for ever out of the tenement wherein Thomas [Halhead] his son now dwells in Sheep Street, to be bestowed upon the poor in Fryce where most need is by his executors in the presence of the Minister and Bailiff.

And 10s. more given by the said Henry Halhead yearly for ever out of a shop in Banbury being the corner shop adjoining to Barkhill Street there, the tenement in the tenure of Thomas Webb on the west side, to be employed to the maintenance of the true and sincere preaching of the Gospel and true word of God weekly within the parish of Banbury, and in default of such lecture then to the teaching of poor children there.

And 20s. more given by Walter Calcott late of Williamscott deceased, by his will yearly for ever to the poor of Banbury, to be bestowed in bread according to his will.

[mg.] Stocks.

And also one stock or sum of money of £40 given by Mr Oken, late of Warwick deceased, to the town of Banbury to be let out yearly to poor occupiers there, for which the Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury stand bound for the making good of the said stock, and that there is paid out of the stock yearly of the benefit thereof arising, to the use of the poor, the meeting of the company and to a preacher, 26s.8d.

And £50 more given by Edward Brytwell to the town of Banbury to be lent to poor artificers and occupiers there freely for ever.

And £100 more given by the foresaid Walter Calcott by his will, to be put out by his executors and their heirs and executors yearly for ever to five or ten occupiers in Banbury or any other place here in the country that will take the same other, £50, £20 or £10 a-piece, by the year ...

And a stock of £22.18s.6d. given by divers and sundry charitable persons, remaining in the hands of the churchwardens as a stock to the use of the poor of Banbury in this form, viz. for them [in summer] to buy coals and in the winter time to sell them to the poor at such rate as the stock may still be preserved and the overplus if any given to the poor of Banbury.

And forasmuch as upon complaint made, viz. that the same lands, tenements and burgages had been misapplied and not bestowed according as they were intended and given, we called before us the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses, and the Churchwardens, entering into the examination thereof by their own consents, we found that they had dealt very honestly and faithfully thereon, and were so far from misapplying and misusing the same that contrarily we found that they had divers [times] laid out money out of their own purses to some of the charitable uses when need required.

Therefore we do order, adjudge and decree by and with the full agreement and consent of the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses, with the Minister and Churchwardens, that the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors shall stand and be seized of all and singular the ... tenements, houses and burgages with all every their appurtenances to their several uses whereunto they were given and intended, and to be called Governors of the said lands, tenements, houses and burgages, and have the power to demise yearly the rents, issues and profits of the same to be bestowed and employed according unto the several uses whereunto they were given as need shall require. And also that they shall have power and authority to let, set and demise the properties on such fines, covenants, conditions and bonds as they and the Minister and Churchwardens as shall think conscionable for their best benefit, profit, continuance, increase and augmentation of the charitable uses and the better execution thereof, we do likewise

Order and Decree that yearly they shall elect and choose two [honest] and substantial men of the town or company who shall be called Bridgemasters, Overseers or Receivers, and they so elected shall have power and authority to receive and take the fines, rents, issues and profits and bestow them according the several uses they were first intended; to whom the Bailiff and Corporation shall deliver such money as shall be and remain in their hands unbestowed if any be, and the Bridgemasters every year shall render their accounts of receipts and payments and which sums shall be in their hands unlaidd out if any be, before the Auditors of the Corporation and the Minister or Vicar and Churchwardens. [The remainder of this abstract is based on that by Beesley, p.250]

And, reciting that divers of the annuities had been bestowed obscurely and privately, it was ordered that the same should yearly be brought by those who were to pay the same at the days appointed to the Bridgemasters, to be disposed of there in the presence of the minister; and a note thereof to be set down in a book, to be shown with the accounts at the audits. And that the Corporation should have the disposal of the monies for coals; and that they and the minister should appoint yearly two of the churchwardens, or two other substantial men, to see the same employed, and to be accountable to them and the other inhabitants of the borough at such times as the churchwardens should yearly render their accounts.

There being some ambiguity in the gift of Walter Calcott, and the £100 being in the hands of his grandson, Calcott Chambers, an agreement was made as to the same.

And lastly, it was decreed, for the better encouragement of others to do the like charitable acts, that the Bailiff, aldermen and burgesses should cause to be made a table, fair written, of the lands, annuities, etc., etc., that had been or should be given to the church or poor or to highways or to any other charitable uses within the town and parish, and the names of the Givers of the same, and the particular uses of the same, to be set up or hanged in the Church, before the feast of Easter next ensuing, and there to remain.

[Book of Accounts, f.205]

12 April 1603. A Note of all the leases which are now 'in esse' of the burgages and tenements which we hold of our sovereign lord the King.
Box A.

A lease to Henry Wright, innholder, of a garden ground on the east side of St. John's Street for 41 years from the Annunciation next after the date thereof, 29 September, 23 Eliz. [1581].

Robert Newale, weaver, a lease of a tenement in the Sheep Street, dated 21 April, 37 Eliz. [1595], from the Annunciation last, for 36 years: rent, 1s.

Edward Weston, a lease of two tenements, one orchard and two gardens in the Sheep Street, dated 10 April, 16 Eliz. [1574], for 31 years from the Annunciation then last: [rent] 18s.

Edward Weston, a lease in reversion of the aforesaid premisses for the same term for 26 years from the Annunciation, 1605. The lease dated 27 December, 33 Eliz. [1590].

Robert Dagon, a lease of a tenement in the Beasts' Market, dated 10 April, 16 Eliz. [1574], for 31 years from the Annunciation then last: rent, 9s.

John Wawmesley, a lease of a tenement in the Hogmarket for 21 years from the Annunciation which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1595: rent, 6s.8d.

William Knight, a lease of a tenement in the Sheep Street in the tenancy of Thrustian Chaddock, for 31 years from Michael[mas], 41 Eliz. [1599]: rent, 4s.

And another lease to the same William of two tenements whereof one is near Sugarford Bar, sometime in the occupation of Julian Bradley, widow, and the other in the Sheep Street, in the occupation of Richard English, for 41 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, of that in the Sugar Bar Street, 6s.8d.; and that in the Sheep Street, 5s.

Box B.

Richard Blabie, a lease of a tenement in [the] Beasts' Market or Colebar Street, late in the occupation of John Wilshere, for 44 years from Michaelmas, 25 Eliz. [1583]: rent, £1.
Which tenement John Symons now hath of the same for 37 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, £1.

William Shorte, a lease of the waste ground in Newland for 21 years from Michaelmas, 37 Eliz. [1595]: rent, 1s.6d.

John Sale, a lease of a tenement in [the] Hogmarket for 13 years from Michaelmas, 40 Eliz. [1598]: rent, 1s.

Robert Yardley, a lease of a tenement at the upper end of the Mill Lane in the nether end of the Hogmarket for 40 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 6s.8d.

Edward Penthlyn, a lease of two tenements in the Sheep Street for 31 years from the Annunciation then last: rent, 10s.

[f.205]

Robert Bentley, a lease in reversion of the same for 21 years after the old lease for the same rent of 10s.

Richard Phill, a lease of a tenement by the Church stile for 21 years from the end of one lease made before to the said Richard of the same for 30 years from Michael[mas], 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 13s.4d.

Thomas Bunworth, a lease of a tenement late in the occupation of Agnes Bell in Sheep Street for 21 years from the Annunciation, 31 Eliz. [1589]: rent, 10s.

Thomas Bunworth, a lease in reversion of the same tenement in Sheep Street for 21 years after the end of the first lease: and the rent but 8s.

[f.205v] Richard Rymill, a lease of a tenement in Sheep Street for 21 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 6s.

Box C.

Michael Basse, a lease of two tenements in North Bar Street for 20 years from the Annunciation, 27 Eliz. [1585]: rent, £1.8s.0d.

Michael Basse, a lease in reversion of the same for 21 years after the first lease.

William Halhed, a lease of a tenement in Colebar Street, late in the occupation of John Beynam, for 31 years from Michaelmas, 1598 [the year is smudged and could possibly read 1588]: rent, 10s., 1598.

Rowland Hewes, a lease of a tenement in the Sheep Street for 21 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 5s.

Anthony Clarkson, a lease of the Crown pool bank for 27 years from the Annunciation, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 6s.8d.

Mathew Wyng, a lease of his house ground and others parcel of Glover's tenement for 21 years from Michaelmas, 1598: rent, 10s.

Thomas Foster, a lease of a tenement or shop on the east side of the Leather Hall for 41 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 8s.

Henry Elderson, a lease of a tenement in Sugarford Bar Street for 21 years from Michaelmas, 35 Eliz. [1593]: rent, 6s.

Nicodemus Edens, a lease of a little house by his own, late in the occupation of Thomas Lorde, for 36 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, 4s.

Alice Williamson, widow, a lease of a tenement in the High Street at Pibble Lane end for 21 years from Michaelmas, 1594: rent, 10s.

Richard Reynesford, a lease of a tenement in Sheep Street for 21 years from Michaelmas, 32 Eliz. [1590]: rent, £1.3s.4d.

Box D.

23 September, 1603. Sir Anthony Cope, a lease of two messuages joined together, late in the occupation of John Ward and John Villers or one of them, in St. John's Street, for 29 years from Michaelmas, 44 Eliz. [1602]: rent, £1.3s.4d.

[f.205v] Edward Eddon, a lease of a messuage in Sheep Street, now in the occupation of William Knight, John Nycolls, John Whitfield, Thomas Harris and Richard Raynsford for 20 years from Michaelmas, 1611 [sic]: rent, £1.3s.4d.

Thomas Whateley, a lease of the Leather Hall and stalls under it for 9 years from Michaelmas, 42 Eliz. [1600] [no rent given].

Thomas Pen, a lease of the waste ground behind his shop for 21 years from Michaelmas, 1603: rent, 2s.

[f.207 - The memoranda of the four following leases are not dated but appear to follow on from the list made in 1603, on ff.205 and 205v.]

A Note of all such leases as are now 'in esse' of the burgages and lands given to the Church, amendment of the Bridge and highways and other charitable uses in the Borough.

Margaret Nycolles, a lease of a piece or plot of ground to build two bays of housing upon, lying between the Bridge Street and Parson's Meadow, for 40 years from the Annunciation, 26 Eliz. [1584]: rent, 2s.6d.

William Potter, a lease of a tenement in Bread Cross Street or Boulting Street, for 21 years from the death of Christian Warner, widow: rent, £1.

John Plumpton, a lease of a tenement in Colebar Street, given by Mr John Knight to the use of the poor, for 21 years from Michaelmas, 33 Eliz. [1591]: rent, £1.6s.8d.

[For further leases, see under 1609-10, 1612-3, 1615-6, 1616-7, and 1622-3.]

[f.17] The account of John Gill, late Bailiff, taken before Edward Eddon and John Nycolles, auditors, 16 April 1604.

	£	s	d
Owing to the said John Gill, 2s.7d., which we paid him			Nothing

The account of Thomas Web and Robert Russell, chamberlains, taken the day and year abovesaid.

The overplus remaining in their hands is	1	4	5
which we received of them			

Received of the Sergeant for both the estreats	3	5	0
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Received of Richard Vivers [and Bartholomew Nayler <u>d</u>], constable, for bloodsheds and affrays	2	12	6
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And he laid out in charges	4	9	1
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Rests due to them [altered to 'him']	1	16	7
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And more that he had laid out	2	5	
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And more that was bated Rymill the joiner	1	8	
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[the above three items are bracketed and the total given	2	0	8]
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All this to Vivers, reckoning into it the £1.9s.5d. that was owing him the last year

And that Naylor laid out more than he received	6	4	
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The auditors received of Mr Gill, late Bailiff, that he had forgotten of Mr Oken's money	13	4	
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[f.17]

Memorandum, that Bartholomew Nayler is to have £1
 allowed him of the charges he laid out at Winchester,
 troubled by Hugh Pedley

£ s d

1 0 0

So the auditors have received besides the 2s.7d. paid
 to Mr Gill

5 0 2

Whereout paid for the dinner at Naylor's

12 10

Paid more back to Richard Vivers of Edward Walker's
 amercement

3 4

Now owing to Richard Vivers in all

2 0 8

Paid Richard Vivers of this

3 10

The rest due to him

1 16 10

Paid to Mr William Knight of his £16.5s.2d. the sum
 of £2, the rest due to him

14 5 2

Paid Mr Showell of his amercement for the town strike
 £1, and more to pay him, therefore, £1, and his old
 debt, in all

8 18 6

Paid to Mr Thomas Whately in part of his charges laid
 out in the High Commission Court

1 0 0

[Auditors:] Edward Eddon, John Nicholles

Memorandum, the chamberlains have not accounted for windows and posts
 nor Mr Thomas Whatelie's plate.

Edward Eddon, John Nicholles.

1603-4

[f.18] The account of Nicodemus Edens, late Bailiff, taken before
 Henry Showell and John Gill, auditors, 28 December 1604.

Owing to Nicodemus Edens, which we paid him

1 0 4

Remains

Nothing

He delivered to us of Plumpton's rent

1 0 2

And he had delivered to the poor before in bread

6 6

Which £1.0s.2d. we delivered to Richard Vivers,
 collector for the poor

And we received of Mr Edens for Mr Oken's money

1 1 8

Delivered to Richard Vivers, collector for the poor

13 4

The account of Thomas Web and Robert Russell, chamberlains, taken
 before us the auditors the day and year abovesaid.

They received more than they paid

3 4

which we received

Received of the Sergeant for both the estreats

4 10 0

which 10s. is paid to James Weste and Whing towards
 their charges

The account of John Pym and Robert Middlebrooke, bridgemasters.*

We remain indebted unto them

15 10

We delivered to Richard Vivers, collector of Mr Oken's
 money [saltire crosses against this entry]

13 4

* For the Bridgemasters' duties, see the Charities' Decree, 1602-3.

[f.18]

	£	s	d
Paid Mr Edens more than received of the fee farm	1	0	4
Edward Man, constable, received of him		16	7
And of George Robyns		9	11
Thomas Hallyheade's account		3	4
Robert Bentley has not accounted		13	0
But now has accounted the [?] amercement		16	8
Thomas Pilkington has accounted			4
George Moselye's account			9
Receipts besides the charges	6	8	7
Which we have delivered to George Nicolles, Bailiff, towards the satisfaction of Mr Gill's £13.6s.0d. for renewing the Charter.			

[Auditors:] John Gill, Henry Showell.

It is agreed that [Richard Vivers d.] shall have a lease of twenty-one years of the house where Spratley dwelt, paying for it £6.13s.4d. with such covenants as were of late agreed of all leases should be made.

1604-5

[f.19] The account of George Nicolles, late Bailiff, taken before William Knight and Thomas Web, auditors, 8 January 1605[6].

We remain indebted to him 1 0 0
which we have presently paid him.

The account of John Halhed and John Wyng, chamberlains, taken the day and year abovesaid.

There remains due	2	10	2
whereof we paid them		10	0
Remains that we are indebted to them	2	0	2

Memorandum, we paid to Richard Vivers, late Constable, that he had laid out for removing prisoners to the gaol, and other charges for the King's majesty 2 3 6
To Robert Bentley, late Constable, for the like charges 1 0 8
To Edward Man, late Constable, for the like charges 16 0
To Bartholomew Nayler, late Constable, for the like charges 1 6 4
To George Robins, tithingman, for the like charges 5 3
To Thomas Pilkington, Constable, for the like charges 3 4
To Thomas Halhed, Constable, for the like charges 3 4
To Edward Warner, tithingman, for the like charges 13 7
To George Moseley, late Constable, for the like charges 2 12 6
To Hugh Shirwood, late Constable, for the like charges 10 4
So all the said Constables and tithingmen are paid all charges that they have laid out, as well of odd reckonings as others for the causes aforesaid concerning their offices.

Paid back to Mr Eton	1	8
And to the Sergeant	8	0
To Bartholomew Nayler for our dinners	14	0

[f.19]

More paid to Bartholomew Nayler for dressing the
town's harness
Paid to Mr John Nycolles, Bailiff, towards the
charges of the supper with Mr Chamberlain's venison
Given to the Sergeant

£	s	d
	9	0
1	6	8
	7	9

There remains

Nothing

Auditors: William Knight, Thomas Webb

Memorandum, Mr George Nycolles brought in his 'quietus est'.
Memorandum, the Sergeant has the chain to lock the prisoners.

1605-6

[Bailiff: John Nycolles]

[P.R.O. L.R. 2/196, ff.178-84. Extracts from this Rental are to be found in Beesley, History of Banbury, pp.251-53. The original is in Latin.]

A Survey of property in Banbury, yielding revenue to the Crown, etc., made on 30 July 4 James I [1606], by Sir Anthony Cope, knight, and John Hercye, esquire, commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Borough and Hundred of Banbury - Free tenants.

Bridge Street	£	s	d	Birchley Street [contd.]	£	s	d
Sir Richard Chitwood		1	6	Henry Shewell			10
do.		2	0	Richard Taylor		2	0
Barkhill Street				William Nicolls		1	9
				Thomas Pen		3	0
Feofees of Lupworth				2 years in arrear			
[Lapworth, Warw.]				[f.179]			
church		10		The Bailiff, Aldermen			
Bartholomew Nayler		3		and Burgesses of Banbury	1	6	
Mathew Knight		3		Robert Russell		3	
Robert Lovell	1	0		2 years in arrear			
Matthew Longe		5		Thomas Huett	2	6	
do.		5		3 years in arrear			
do.		2	0	Mary Hall			$\frac{1}{2}$
[178v] do.	1	8		Henry Hallyed	2	6	
Thomas Longe	2	0		Henry Sherwood	2	5	
do.	1	0		2 years in arrear			
Banbury				William Shorte		8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				2 years in arrear			
William Turton		8		William Southam		3	
Thomas Taylor	1	3		2 years in arrear			
Thomas Wheatley	1	0		Thomas Hallyed senior	2	6	
do.	1	6		John Hallyed	1	9	
Shop Row or High Street				Elizabeth Helmedon, widow	1	6	
				Epiphany Hill		4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Edward Eaton		10		Edward Edon		5	0
Richard Holton	1	6		Thomas Foster	1	4	
Richard Vivers		1		Thomas French	2	5	
Edward Man	6	8		Thomas Hallyed junior	2	6	
Horsemarket Street				2 years in arrear			
				John Awsten	1	0	
Edward Wisdome		9		William Alsopp	1	6	
Birchley Street				do.		6	
				Nicholas Berry	2	0	
Edward Wisdome		6		Rowland Bull		4	
Thomas Wise		7 $\frac{1}{2}$		Ralph Dry	1	1	
Francis Knight		8		John Dix and Ralph Dix	2	3	
William Longe	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Nicolls		2	
Henry Shewell		8		Richard Ashpoole	5	0	
do.	2	3		Roger Lane	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	

[L.R. 2/196, f.179]	£	s	d	[f.179v]	£	s	d
Robert Bennett		1	6	William Knight		1	2
[f.179v] John May		2	6	do.			9
Theodore Maior		2	1	do.		1	3
Henry Gyles			8	do.			6
Michael Foxe, gent.	16	1		do.			6
Robert Bentley		2	8	do.		1	0
John Elson		2	2	do.			8
Edward Watton		1	0	do.		1	0
[blank] Coleman			4				
William Clifton		2	7	Bodicote			
William Knight		2	6	Thomas Wise	1	0	0
				Robert Humfrey		2	0

Sum total £7.9s.6d.

[f.180] Banbury.

Richard Lord Say and Seale claims to hold by virtue of letters patent under the seal of the Exchequer dated [blank] the Rectory and Tithes of Banbury, that is to say, the tithes of sheaves, grain, hay, wool and lambs in Neithrop, Calthorpe and Wickham, of the yearly value to demise £100.

Glebe lands in the common fields and meadows, that is to say ploughed land in the fields of Neithrop being three yard lands, by estimation 45 acres.; ploughed land in Calthorpe field being one yard land, by estimation 20 acres; meadow in leaz in Neithrop fields, by estimation 6 acres; the tithe barn, of 8 bays; annual value, £20.

A mansion house of 2 bays and the backside, in occupation of William Warner, by estimation 2 perches;

Another mansion house of 3 bays, in the occupation of George Easye and John Treadwell, by estimation 30 ft. long and 20 ft. wide;

A stable of 2 bays, garden and backside, in occupation of Robert Rogers by estimation 2 rods;

A garden in Northbar Street, in the occupation of Edward Man, by estimation, 1 rod;

A garden in the occupation of Nichodemus Edons, 3 perches;
Annual value, £5.

Tithes of sheaves, grain, etc. ...

"Quere whether the Inheritance be in the Kynge or in the Bishop of Oxon"

[In the right hand margin are written, £130, deleted; £50; and at the foot, annual value, £125.]

[f.180v] Henry Hawtayne, gentleman, claimed to hold of John, Bishop of Lincoln, by indenture dated 12 August 36 Henry VIII [1544] to John Franchise made of all those lands in the open fields of Calthorpe belonging to the manor of Banbury or the grange of Easington belonging to the manor of Banbury or the grange of Easington near Banbury, with part of the acreage of rough pasture and pastures following:

[L.R. 2/196, f.180v]

A dwelling house: 3 areas of ground for kitchen and other edifices; an area of ground for one large barn, for the stable, garden [or orchard] and two courts, 1 acre;

A meadow called Castle Mead, 5 acres;

The first mowing of a meadow called Great Fullack, 4 acres;

The first mowing of a meadow called Little Fullack, 2 acres;

An enclosed meadow called Gadresse, 7 acres;

A meadow called Swinslowe, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres;

Enclosed arable land called Windmill Field, 30 acres;

Pasture of two acres called Durdans, annually from the feast of the Annunciation to the feast of St. Michael, 8 acres;

A meadow called Berrimore mead, 5 acres;

A pasture close called Lodgeclose, hitherto a rabbit warren, 7 acres;

A close called the Crouch, 40 acres;

Allowance of fishing with other rights in the water called the Cherwell from the bridge called Banbury Bridge to the extreme end of the manor of Banbury;

Arable land to be occupied in the common fields called Easington fields, 70 acres;

[total] 179 acres

To have and to hold to John Franchise from the expiration of a former lease made to William Pearson, 7 March 11 Henry VIII [1520], for the term of 50 years;

Rent, £20; annual value of premises-to-be-leased, £100, besides rent charges after remissions.*

Reversion granted for the sum of £40 to Margaret Hawtayne, widow, for the term of 21 years from expiry of lease of John Franchise [Mg. 78 years to come]. Rent as above.

The aforesaid Margaret shall repair the premises and shall have the timber growing upon them; the lease shall be void for non-payment of the rent for a space of 40 days after any feast, etc.

[f.181]

Leases

The Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury hold by virtue of letters patent dated 13 February 15 Eliz.[1572-3] divers messuages, tenements and cottages in the town of Banbury.

St. John's Street

The dwelling house formerly in the occupation of John Knight, now in the occupation of [blank]; to be had of the same Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury from Michaelmas last for the term of 60 years; rent, 8s.; annual value, £1.*

* The phrase translated as 'besides rent charges after remissions' is in the Latin expressed as the abbreviated 'ultra redd. ex relac.', and its occurrence below is indicated by an asterisk. Its exact meaning and significance is obscure, and the phrase is unknown to various leading authorities consulted. The rental has been interpreted to the best of the editors' abilities, but anyone wishing to draw conclusions from the rents and values should consult the original.

[L.R. 2/196, f.181] [St. John's Street continued]

The vacant piece of ground then in the occupation of John Knight upon which he built the dwelling house of 8 bays with garden and courtyard now in the occupation of Thomas Kinton, half a rod; [no rent or value given];

Another dwelling house in the occupation of Thomas Beaste, one bay and a half with courtyard and garden; [these two items are bracketed together]: rent, 3s.4d.; annual value, £1 [it is not clear what this £1 refers to]; in total £3.*

A cottage of 2 bays, thatched with straw, now in the occupation of Henry Elderson, with garden and courtyard; rent, 6s. [no value given]

Horsefair

A cottage now in the occupation of Peter Wootton, 6 bays, courtyards and gardens, half a rood; rent, 13s.4d.; value, £1.10s.*

Sugarbar Street

A cottage of 2 bays, lately in the occupation of Julian Bradley, now in the occupation of Robert Baker, and garden; rent, 6s.8d., value 13s.4d.*

[f.181v] St. John's Street

A cottage of 3 bays, formerly in the occupation of Richard Pope, and now of Seth Pope, a courtyard and garden, half a rod; rent, 6s.; value, £1.*

North Bar Street

Another cottage, of 2½ bays, formerly in the occupation of Nicholas Currall and now of Richard Fallaway [Followay], and garden, 40 feet by 18 feet; rent, 6s.; value, £1.*

Another cottage of 3 bays, formerly in the occupation of Edmund Horzwood [Edward Horwood] and now of Anthony Cope, Knight, and garden, 40 feet by 10 feet; rent, 6s.8d.; value, £1.*

Hogmarket Street

Another cottage, in the occupation of Marjorie Yardley, widow, of 1 bay 40 feet by 10 feet; rent, 6s.8d.; value, 6s.8d.*

Another cottage, in the occupation of Thomas Glover and Matthew Wynne [Winge], of 6 bays, with garden and courtyard, 2 rods; rent, £1, besides 10s. for the mill; annual value, £1.13s.4d.*
[Mg., a cross, 'note for the mill']

Another cottage, formerly in the occupation of George Cowley and now of John Sale, of 4 bays with courtyard, 10 perches; rent, 12s.; value, 13s.4d.; £1.*

One stable now a dwelling house, formerly in the occupation of Edward Palmer and now of William White, of 2 bays, 12½ feet; rent, 6s.8d., value, 13s.4d.*

* See footnote on page 89.

[L.R. 2/196, f.181v]

Sheep Street

Two cottages, formerly in the occupation of William Bentley and now of Robert Bentley, of 4 bays with garden, half a rod; rent, 10s.; value, 13s.4d.; £1.*

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of Richard Peake and now of John Traunter, of 2 bays, with garden, 2 perches; rent, 6s.8d.; value, 13s.4d.*

[f.182] A Tenement, formerly in the occupation of William Wheatley and now of Thomas Bradford and widow Whitfield and Thomas Harrys, of 8 bays, with garden, 2 rods; rent, £1.13s.4d.; value, £2.*

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of Thrustiam [Thurstan] Chadwick and now of George Pedley, of 3 bays, with garden, half a rod; rent, 4s.; value, £1.*

A tenement, formerly in the tenure of Peter Higges and now in the occupation of George Pedley, of 1 bay, 2 perches; rent, 5s.; value, 5s.*

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of Elizabeth Weston and now of Edward Weston, of 8 bays with garden and courtyard, 1 rod; rent, 14s.; value, £1.10s.; £2.*

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of William Puddle and now of Thomas Bunworth, of 4 bays, with garden, 3 perches; rent, 14s.; value, £1.*

Mill Lane

A barn, formerly in the occupation of Simon Wickham and now of Thomas Foster, of 4 bays, with garden, 1 rod; rent, 6s.8d.; value, 13s.4d.; £1.*

Beast Market

A tenement lately burnt, formerly in the occupation of William Perkins and now of [blank] Dagon, widow, of 4 bays, with garden, 40 feet by 16 feet; rent, 9s.; value, £1.*

A tenement, formerly in the tenure of John Wilshire and now of John Simons, of 6 bays, with garden and courtyard, 2 rods; rent, £1; value, £2.*

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of William Dove [Done] and now of Roger Fox, of 4 bays, with garden and courtyard, 1 rod; rent, 13s.4d.; value, £1.*

[f.182v] Near the Bridge

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of Richard Jones and now of Thomas Dudley, of 2 bays, with garden, half a rod; rent, 12s.; value, £1; £1.*

Colebar Street

A waste piece of land, formerly in the tenure of John Eyres and now in the occupation of Nicholas Barrowe, of 3 bays, with garden, 40 feet by 10 feet; rent, 5s.; value, £1.*

* See footnote on page 89.

[L.R. 2/196, f.182v]

Sheep Street

A cottage, formerly in the occupation of Peter Hues and now of Rowland Hewes, of 4 bays, with garden and courtyard, half a rod; rent, 5s.; value, £1; £1.10s.*

A cottage, formerly in the occupation of Thomas Newell and now of Robert Newell, of 4 bays, with garden and courtyard, half a rod; rent, 12s.; value, £1; £1.10s.*

Two cottages, formerly in the occupation of John Helmedon and now of Isabel Helmedon, of 4 bays, with courtyard, half a rod; rent, £1; value, £1; £1.10s.*

Calthorpe Lane

A tenement, formerly in the occupation of William Good and now of Edward Weston, of 2 bays, half a rod; rent, 4s.; value, 4s.; 10s.*

High Street

A cottage, formerly in the occupation of Thomas Justice and now of Hugh Sherwood, of 2 bays, 12 feet by 12 feet; rent, 10s.; value, 10s.*

A cottage, formerly in the occupation of George Pinder and now of Thomas Foster, of 3 bays, 20 feet by 20 feet; rent, 8s.; value, £1; £1.*

Near the Shambles

Another cottage, formerly in the occupation of Roger Brinknell and now of Nichodemus Edens, of 1 bay, 10 feet by 10 feet; rent, 4s.; [basic value not given]; 6s.*

North Bar Street

One cottage, formerly in the occupation of Agnes Compton, widow, and now of Henry Kemble, of 2 bays, with garden, 1 rod; rent, 10s.; value, 13s.4d.; £1.*

[f.183] Another cottage, formerly in the occupation of Humphrey Walker and now of Matthew Knight, of 6 bays, with courtyard, 1 rod; rent, £1; value, £2.

Another cottage, formerly in the occupation of Humphrey Walker and now of Matthew Knight, of 1 bay; rent, 8s.; value, 10s.*

Another tenement, formerly in the occupation of Robert Shorte and now of Robert Hawes, of 4 bays, with garden, half a rod; rent, 13s.4d.; value, £1.10s.*

Near the churchyard

A cottage, formerly in the occupation of John Musgrave and now of the Bailiff, etc., of 3 bays; rent, 6s.8d.; value [sum illegible].*

To be had by the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses from the feast of St. Michael the archangel for the term of 60 years, rent per annum

[The whole of the above on this f.183 is bracketed, against which is entered:] Receipts, £12. 6s.8d.

£ 2.15s.4d. of the Castle of Banbury.

Annual value of all above and beyond the rent, £41.9s.4d.

* See footnote on page 89.

[L.R. 2/196, f.183]

Leases

Nichodemus Edens, gentleman, claims to hold by Letters Patent of 4 and 39 James [1606] one tenement with appurtenances in Banbury, formerly of Robert Edens his father and from of old, namely:

A dwelling house with a shop adjoining, with courtyard, 10 perches; to be had by Nichodemus from the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the term of 60 years, rent £2.6s.8d.; value, £1.*

Edward Walker claims to hold by Letters Patent under the seal of the Treasury dated 5 June 4 James [1606], made to a certain John Wase, gentleman, who made a tenement and garden through him sited and lying in Banbury, formerly in the tenancy of Lawrence Walker his father, namely:

A dwelling house, of 3 bays, and garden, in Cornmarket Street, half a rod;

One shop, at the west end of the garden, of 1 bay; A house of stone newly erected, called the Town Hall, of 3 bays;

To hold from the feast of St. Michael the archangel last for the term of 40 years, rent, £1.8s.; value, £2.*

[f.183v]

Leases

The Right Honourable Richard, Lord Say and Seale, holds by virtue of Letters Patent the Castle and Hundred of Banbury with Leet and View of Frankpledge within the Hundred, namely;

A dwelling house within the inner gates of the same castle, of 23 bays roofed with lead;

The outermost gate, of 6 bays, covered with slates;

One close called the Stew, one acre;

Another close of pasture called the Castle Orchard, in the occupation of Thomas Wise, 3 acres.

To have to William Feenes, son of Lord Say, Ursula and Elizabeth, for the term of their lives successively, rent [Mg., '3 lives']

[The whole of f.183v from 'A dwelling house ...', is bracketed on the right and the following entered:]

Rent, £3.18s. for the Castle and Hundred, and £2 for the Castle Orchard; annual value, £10.*

Memorandum, it appears by a decree of the Court of Exchequer made 28 November 15 Eliz. [1572] ex parte the Queen, viz., by the right honourable William, Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England, Sir Walter Mildmay, knight, Sir Edward Saunders, knight, Lord Chief Baron, and the residue of the barons there, that £10.8s. shall be paid yearly to twelve poor men and women weekly, quarterly or otherwise, and £6.6s.8d. shall be yearly paid to an assistant to serve the cure in Banbury by the Receiver General of the Queen's majesty's revenues of the county or by the Bailiff or the collector of the rents and revenues of the chantry lands in the County of Oxford or of the rents and

* See footnote of page 89.

[L.R. 2/196, f.183v]

revenues of the Castle or Manor of Banbury, and that this sum of £16.14s.8d. shall be paid yearly to the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury for the time being at four usual feasts of the year, viz., the Birth of Our Lord God, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the nativity of St. John the Baptist, and the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, to be paid to the twelve poor men and women and to the assistant, with warrant to the auditor and Receiver for payment and allowance thereof as by an exemplification of the decree under the seal of the Exchequer dated 12 February 15 Eliz. [1572/3] appears.

[For further reference to these payments, see under 1649-50 and 1651-2]

[f.184] Anthony Cope, knight, claims to hold by virtue of a lease by deed of John Longland, then Bishop of Lincoln, dated 31 March 35 Henry VIII [1544], to a certain William Robyns of London, merchant of the Staple, and William, his son, viz.

An enclosed meadow called Calves Close;

An enclosed meadow or pasture called Great Emsham and Little Emsham

[Ensham], now in the occupation of Edward Wickham, clerk, William Knight, Epiphany Hill, Richard Thorpe, Thomas Wheatly, John Dix, Henry Wright, John Jackson, Henry Shewell, Henry Dudley, Bartholomew Naylor, Rowland Bull, Thomas French, Margaret Huicke, widow;

A cottage with garden, in the occupation of Thomas Tomlinson, 2 rods;

A close called the Procession Way, in the occupation of Robert Savage, 2 rods;

A close called Cowclose, in the occupation of the same Robert, 4 acres;

To have to the aforesaid William Robyns, father to William Robyns, his son and their assigns, from the festival of St. Michael the archangel next for the term of 81 years; rent, £12.13s.4d.; annual value, £51.*

And the jurors swear upon the sacred scriptures that furthermore the metes and bounds of the manor and hundred of Banbury extend by custom and form following, viz.

Beginning [nothing further entered, but see the next item, page 95]

In testimony of which, etc.

Rowland Bull
Edward Edon
Thomas Foster

John Awsten
William Southam
William Knight

and others.

* See footnote on page 89.

[This description was originally in the **Book of Accounts**, but is now missing. This modernised version is based on an earlier Calendar, and on the closely corresponding transcript printed in **Beesley**, 253-4.]

The Boundary taken 15 September 1606.

The Borough and Parish of Banbury in the County of Oxford. The limits and precincts seen and viewed 15 September in the fourth year of the reign of James, King of England, France and Ireland and of Scotland the fortieth, found and presented by the jury whose names are underwritten, 18 November 1606, appointed by [blank] Hersye Esquire, the King's Surveyor.

First, from the east arch of the Bridge which stands over the water called Cherwell on the east part, along by the said water on the east side of the plot of ground called the Gooseleys to the meadow called Parsons Meadow, and so over the said meadow, and over the little close of one Thomas Halhead, and up a close called Gattridge, and so into the old lane called Calthorpe Lane, and then straight forward to the South Bar called St. John's Bar.

From South Bar down along the lane between the closes and Calthorpe field to the great stone called the White Cross on the west part.

And from the said stone called the White Cross over the running stream of water by the north end of the Leys called the Barridge Leys, and so through a little short lane by the house of Edward Keelinge, meeting there with another running stream of water, and so by the said water to the bar called the North Bar.

From the said North Bar along by the said water which is called the Cuttle Brook to the house of Edward Wysdome where Walter Wafford now dwells, and from thence along the backsides of the houses by the Castle moat to the place where the mill did stand called the Cuttle Mill, and so along by the Cuttle Brook stream or water unto the water aforesaid called Cherwell, and then by Cherwell to the east arch of the Bridge.

The names of the jury:

William Knyght
Henry Showell
William Longe
William Alsop
Thomas Tunney
Theodore Maior
Richard Vivers

Bartholomew Nayler
John Awsten
John Dixe
Mathew Longe
Henry Shirwood
Edward Wysdome
William Sowtham.

[Beesley comments that 'the old lane called Calthorpe Lane' would not be the one known later as such (and now as Calthorpe Street); but perhaps the old road leading from Broad Street into the Adderbury road at Easington, or the narrow lane which led from that old road to St. John's Bar (now, widened, St. John's Road).]

The White Cross Stone stood at the west end of the present West Bar Street, probably about eight paces eastward from where a lane (the present Bear Garden Road) turns off southward into the Bloxham road.]

[Book of Accounts, f.20]

The account of John Nycolles, late Bailiff, taken before Thomas Whately and Robert Russell, auditors, 21 February 1606[7].

	£	s	d
He remained in debt to the Corporation which we received.	1	6	

Also we received of the said late Bailiff out of Mr Oken's use of the £40 to be bestowed on a preacher and for the Company to make merry with	13	4	
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The account of John Halhed and John Wynge, Chamberlains, taken by the auditors, the day and year abovesaid, and the Corporation remains in their debt	10	9	
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Also we received of the Sergeant for both his estreats	4	0	4
So that we forgave him	9	0	

And John Smyth, shoemaker, is bound to the Sergeant for his amercement to pay him 23 March next, which the Company is to consider of	4	13	4
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Received of Mr John Nycolles that he received for a fray Of John Williams for a fray	3	4	4
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Of Timothy Kendall in part of his bill of 16s.8d.	10	0	0
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And of Edward Warner	12	0	0
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And of Thomas Halhed	1	13	4
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And of Thomas Pilkington	6	5	0
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Memorandum, Ralph Dixe came after and paid	2	0	0
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And for a sword that Mr Edens had for a fray	3	0	0
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Sum	8	5	7
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Paid out of this sum for our dinner	11	4	0
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To Mr Edens towards his charges at the Assizes and Quarter Sessions, being Justice	10	0	0
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Paid to those who laid down money for the £10 to Mr [Edward] Wickham,* every man the half of his money	4	13	4
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Paid to George Nycolles that he had over-received himself in his account of his late Bailiwick	13	4	0
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Paid to the chamberlains which we owed them abovesaid	10	9	0
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Given back to Theodore Maior and Edward Man	4	0	0
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Given to Simon Hathway	2	6	0
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And to the Beadle	4	0	0
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So there remains in Robert Russell's hands	1	0	0
Which £1 is now paid to Mr Thomas Whately; and so all is even towards his charges in the High Commission Court, and he had before	1	0	0

The account being finished the year and day above-
written by [blank] and Robert Russell.

* An Edward Wickham, gent., is named as a Justice of the Peace in the 1608 Charter, probably the same as Edward Wickham of Swalcliffe (1560-1645)[Visitation of Oxon., Harl.Soc., v, 322-3]. However, another Edward Wickham, clerk, is also named in the Charter, as an Assistant and Guardian of the Hospital. In 1606 he was a tenant of the Ensham meadows; and from 1593 to 1601, Prebendary of Lincoln.

1606-7

[f.21] The account of Thomas Halhed, late Bailiff, taken before Nicodemus Edens and John Nycolles, auditors, 14 December. 1607.

	£	s	d
Remains in his hands, which has now been delivered to us	44	2	0

The account of John Wyng and Edward Man, chamberlains, taken before the auditors, the day and year abovesaid.

Of which we received of John Wyng	16	3	
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The account of John Pym and Robert Middlebrooke, bridge-masters, taken before the auditors the same day and year, whereof we received of John Pym

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Received of the Sergeant for both the estreats	6	1	0
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Received of Robert Horwood, tithingman	3	4	
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Received of Timothy Kendall, tithingman	6	8	
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Received of Thomas Wirse for a fray	3	4	
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Received of Thomas Pilkington, Constable	1	8	
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Received of Robert Kyng, tithingman	13	4	
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Received of Ralph Dixe	2	0	
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[Auditors:] Nicodemus Edens, John Nicholles.

[Mg., in late hand:] £53.11s.2d.

Paid out of the receipts abovesaid, first for our dinners	17	0	
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Paid back to Mr Halhed for a cake [?] he had forgotten	5	0	
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Paid to Mr William Knight for his last going to London about John Smyth in the Audience Court	1	14	8
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Paid every man's money laid out at the King's coming, amounting to	35	16	0
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Paid every man his last half of his money for the £10 sent to Mr Edward Wickham	4	13	4
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[Paid other moneys to the value of	d.	2	19	4]
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Paid more to Mr Gill's money, lent to the £10 for Mr Wickham	13	4	
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Given back to William Wesson	4	4	
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To Thomas Foster	2	6	
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For candles, coals, etc., beer and bellman	2	10	
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Given to Robert King		6	
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Remains	9	1	7
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Which we have delivered into the hands of Mr Bailiff.

1607-8

[Bailiff and Mayor: Thomas Webb]

[The privileges of the Corporation were extended, and the Borough was made a mayoral town, under a new Charter granted, on the petition of the Council, 28 June 6 James I (1608).]

The enrolled Charter is in the P.R.O., Patent Roll 6 James I, part 19, number 10. The following abstract is based on **Beesley, "History of Banbury"**, pp.254-58.]

Abstract of the Charter of James I.

1. The Recital, to the effect that, whereas the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough have held and enjoyed divers franchises, liberties, etc.; and whereas the now Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses have humbly entreated measures for the better government of the Borough; the said Bailiff, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and all Freemen being inhabitants of the Borough, are hereby constituted a corporate and political body, by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Banbury.

2. Power to have a common seal.

3. Boundaries to be as before.

4. Power to make perambulation.

5. Twelve of the Burgesses shall be named Aldermen, of which Aldermen one from time to time shall be Mayor.

6. Six other of the Burgesses shall be Chief Burgesses.

7. There shall be a Recordator and a Chamberlain of the Borough.

8. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses shall be the Common Council of the Borough.

9. There shall be within the Borough 30 honest and discreet men who shall be helpers or Assistants of the Borough. And the rest of the Aldermen, and the Chief Burgesses, Recordator, Chamberlain, and Assistants, shall be helping to the Mayor so often as it shall be requisite, in all things belonging to or concerning the Borough.

10. Power to the Common Council to make By-Laws for the government of the town, and to punish by fine and imprisonment for breach of the same: such By-Laws not to be contrary to the laws of England.

11. Thomas Webb, one of the Aldermen, to be the first Mayor.

12. Thomas Wickham, Thomas Wheatly, Henry Shewell, Edward Edon, John Nicholes, Thomas Halhed the elder, Thomas Webb, John Gyll, Thomas Foster, George Nicholes, Nicodemus Edens and Robert Russell, to be Aldermen, for life, unless for their evil government or for some other just cause they shall any of them be removed by the majority of the Council.

13. John Pymme, John Winge, Robert Bentlye, George Moselye, Edward Wisdome and John Austin, to be Chief Burgesses for life, unless as before.

14. William Fines, Richard Cope Esquire; Edward Wickham and Thomas Drope, Clerks; Thomas Crew, Edmund Meek, William Wright, Richard Griffin, Edward Yorke, Walter Floyd, Henry Hawteyne, Calkett Chambers, John Blincoe, George Mole Esquire; Thomas Garwey, Thomas Garner, Edward Bentlye, William Knight, Martin Wright, Thomas Hollawey, Edward Gyll, William Tayler, Rowland Bull, gent.; John Halhed, Edward Man,

Bartholomew Naylor, Ralph Dyx, Edward Warner, Thomas Halhed the younger, and Nicholas Barrowes, to be Assistants for life, unless as before.

15. The Mayor to be chosen annually from the Aldermen, on the first Monday in September, by the Mayor, Aldermen, Chief Burgesses, Chamberlain, and Assistants.

16. If the Mayor die, or from the office for any just and reasonable cause be removed, the Aldermen and Chief Burgesses to choose another Alderman, to serve as Mayor during the remainder of the year.

17. Power to fill up other vacancies, namely, of Aldermen from the Chief Burgesses, of Chief Burgesses from the Assistants, and of the Assistants from the more honest and discreet men in the Borough. All the appointments to be by the Council, and the oath to be taken by the party chosen.

18. Fine for refusing any of the offices not to exceed five pounds. Imprisonment in case the fine is not paid.

19. The Council in future to elect "one honourable man that shall and may be Baron of this our Realm, or at least a Knight, for the time being to be The Chief Steward of the Borough." The charter appoints "our wellbeloved and trusty Counsellor William Lord Knoles of Gray's Inn, and Treasurer of our Inn, the Chief Steward."

20. The Council in future to elect "one honest and discreet man skilful in the laws of England" to be Recordator of the Borough. The charter appoints "our wellbeloved Thomas Chamberlayne of Gray's Inn, London, esquire," the first Recordator.

21. The Chamberlain in future to be chosen from the Aldermen by the Council. The charter names William Knight, gent., the first Chamberlain.

22. In case of inability or absence of the Mayor, the senior Alderman to be his deputy.

23. On reasonable cause shown, the Recordator may have a deputy, he being skilful in the laws and approved by the Aldermen.

24. Waste ground, commons, ways, lanes, streets, lands, etc., granted to the Mayor, Aldermen and Chief Burgesses, with a confirmation of all their former grants, liberties and privileges.

25. A Court of Record to be held every Monday, for actions wherein the debt or damage shall not exceed forty pounds, before the Mayor or his deputy, one of the Aldermen, two Chief Burgesses, and the Recorder or his deputy - or before three of them, whereof the Mayor or his deputy must be one. The Mayor to appoint attorneys of this court.

26. Two Sergeants at Mace to be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, for the execution of processes, etc., and to "carry and bear the gilded and silvered maces and with the signet of our arms our heirs and successors engraven and adorned within the Borough, liberties and precincts of the same, before the Mayor of the Borough for the time being or his deputy."

27. A prison or gaol to be within the borough; the Mayor to be the keeper thereof.

28. All fines and amerciaments to go to the use of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses.

29. The Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Freemen, to be free from serving on juries out of the Borough.

30. William Lord Knoles, Richard Lord Say and Seale, Sir Roger Wilbraham, knight, one of our masters of our requests, Sir Anthony Cope, knight, Sir Richard Chittwood, knight, Thomas Chamberleyne, Esquire, Edward Wickham and William Knight, gentlemen, and also the Mayor and Recorder for the time being and their successors, and three of the Aldermen to be named by the Council, to be Justices of the Peace within the Borough. Their powers defined.

31. Three justices, whereof the Mayor and Recorder shall be two, shall have power to keep Sessions, and to swear honest and lawful men of the Borough, by which the truth of the matter may the better be known of all felonies, murders, poisonings, enchantings, sorceries, magical arts, transgressions, forestallers, regrators, ingrossers, and extortioners within the Borough. "And also of all those who in the conventicle against our peace shall go or who to the disturbance of our people by force of arms shall go or ride or presume to go or ride (imposters and others). And also for the finding out of all those who for the killing or slaying of our nation shall lay wait," etc. To be heard and determined of as in any counties of our realm of England, without any other commission or letters patent.

32. That the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses and their successors may have and shall have authority and shall within the Borough be able to erect and have a pair of gallows for the hanging of all those convicted of felonies, murders and other misdemeanours within the Borough, precincts, limits and liberties of the same who shall be adjudged to be hanged according to the laws of our realm of England.

33. Power to imprison.

34. Henry Shewell, John Gyll and George Nicoles, to be the three first Aldermen Justices of the Peace.

35. The Mayor to have the execution and return of all His Majesty's writs within the Borough.

36. No High Sheriff, etc., to enter the Borough for the execution of any writ, unless in defect of the Mayor or his officers.

37. A Coroner to be appointed.

38. The Mayor to be Clerk of the Market and Escheator.

39. A grant of a weekly Wool Market, for the benefit of the poor by providing work for the men, women, boys and girls in the Borough, empowers every freeman being an inhabitant of the Borough to buy and sell wools, threads, woollen and linen, to be kept or wrought or employed by labour and industry within the Borough, for the shunning of sloth and idleness, etc. And because the wools, threads, etc., brought into the Borough on the days whereon the market shall be held, may arise to a greater quantity than shall be necessary for the setting on work of the foresaid poor, it is granted to every freeman resident within the Borough that they may sell the same wools, threads, woollens and yarns, within any city, village or borough in England; so that the wools, threads, woollens and yarns to be sold without the Borough may not exceed in any one year two thousand Tods.* Together with a court of piepowder, etc. The profits of the Wool Market to be for the use and public good of the Borough, and for the sustenance of the poor and infirm inhabitants of the same.

* A Tod of Wool (by 2 Chas.I) is 28 lbs. For the Wool House, see 1610-1.

40. No foreigner or a person not a freeman to sell or expose to sale within the Borough any merceries, merchandises or wares, except in gross or at the fairs, under a penalty of 6s.

41. Power to tax the inhabitants in any manner for the public good of the town.

42. Two Fairs or Marts established, namely, "one of them on the vigil on the feast and on the day after the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; And the other on the first Thursday which shall happen next before the feast of St. Nicholas the Bishop and on the even and the day after the same day every year for ever to be holden for and during all the same days; Together with a court of piepowder," etc.

43. A Horse Market to be held every Thursday, with a court of piepowder.

44. The Mayor and Justices shall have power for the "punishment and correction of all and singular drunkards and of all and singular whore-hunters, strumpets and others whatsoever of a lascivious and incontinent living and of all and singular who dishonestly or maliciously by any occasion of communicating together or wicked scolding may be named or in English may be called scolds, brawlers and quarrellers."

45. Power to purchase lands not exceeding £40 per annum.

46. One wise and discreet man to be elected who shall be called the common writer or clerk, in English the Town Clerk. Nicholas Awstin appointed to this office by the charter.

47. "And because that many are poor within the Borough and that there may fitly be provided for the relief of the poor and sustentation of the said inferior men and other the men and women inhabitants and abiders within the Borough: Know ye therefore that we of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, Will and grant and by these presents ordain for us our heirs and successors, That for ever there shall be one Hospital in the Borough for the relieving and sustentation of the poor and inferior men and other the men and women dwellers and inhabitants in the Borough; Which Hospital shall be called the Hospital of our sovereign lord James the King within the Borough of Banbury, and the same Hospital by the name of King's Hospital of Banbury we have firmly by these presents erected, ordained, founded and established." The Hospital to be of four-and-twenty poor and weak men and women who are altogether disabled from getting their living. "And that our intent may take the better effect and that the goods and chattels, manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rectories, tithes, rents, reversions, revenues, annuities and other the profits and hereditaments for the relief and sustentation of the poor and weak men and women in the Hospital from time to time to be relieved, sustained, granted, assigned and appointed, shall be the better governed by the continuance of the Hospital, We will grant and ordain for us, our heirs and successors that for ever hereafter there may and shall according to the ordinances in these letters patent contained and specified be elected, named and assigned one discreet man who shall be and shall be called Guardian of the Hospital, and three honest and discreet men at the least who shall be and shall be called Fellows or Brethren of the Hospital, which Guardian and Fellows or Brethren shall be and shall be called the Governors and Brethren of the goods, possessions and revenues of the

Hospital of our sovereign lord James King of England within the Borough of Banbury." And "We have elected, named and assigned and by these presents do elect, name and assign and constitute Edward Wickham, clerk, being and to be first and last Guardian of the Hospital and Thomas Drope and John Dod, clerks, Richard Wickham, Nicholas Woodhall and Edward Meek, esquires, Martin Wright, Thomas Holloway, Thomas Garway, Thomas Garner, William Tayler, David Floyd, Thomas Wickham, William Knight, Thomas Foster and Rowland Bull, gents., being and to be the first and last Fellows or Brethren of the goods, possessions and revenues of the Hospital of James King of England in Banbury." The Governors and Brethren to be a corporate and politick body and to have everlasting succession. To have a common seal. To be in law capable of holding and receiving lands, chattels, etc., and of pleading and being impleaded. To be able to receive and hold to the sustentation of the Hospital, lands, etc., not exceeding the clear yearly value of forty pounds per annum besides all charges and reprises. The same to be applied to no other purposes whatsoever. That when the Guardian die or be removed by the King, the Brethren surviving may elect an honest, discreet and fit man to supply his place. That when either of the Brethren die or be removed, the Guardian and others the Brethren, or the greater part of them, whereof the Guardian shall be one, may elect a successor. And that the Governors and Brethren may elect or remove at their pleasure the poor and weak men and women to the Hospital.*

48. A confirmation to the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of all former grants and privileges.

* Despite these elaborate provisions it must be assumed that the Hospital did not materialise, as no further reference to it is known.

[Book of Accounts, f.22]

The account of Thomas Webb, late Mayor, taken before Henry Showell, John Gill and Thomas Foster, auditors, 6 January 1608[79].

The Corporation remained in his debt	£	s	d
besides the £4.10s. which he requires for the Star Chamber charges,	5	8	6
and we have now presently paid him the	5	8	6
The account of John Wyng and Edward Man, late chamberlains, taken before us the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.			
We have received of them that remained in their hands	2	15	9
The account of Mr William Knight, now chamberlain, taken before the said auditors.			
The Corporation remains indebted to the said chamberlain, to be allowed him at his next account	1	6	6
Received of George Robyns, constable		5	4
Of Robert Turton, tithingman		14	4
Of Hugh Shirwood, constable		14	2
Of Ralph Dixe		7	0
Of Richard Harvy		3	4
Of the sergeant for both the estreats	5	0	0
And more that we received ourselves for ameracements which were in the sergeant's estreats		11	11
And the sergeant is still indebted to the Corporation upon the estreats	1	12	0
Which we freely forgive him [upright cross by the sum of money, probably to denote that it has been written off].			
The account of Henry Showell and Thomas Foster, bridgemasters, taken the day and year abovesaid.			
The Corporation remains in their debt		6	1
Paid to John Pym that he had laid down to Mr William Whately more than the quarterage then came to	2	10	0
Likewise to John Nycolles that he had laid out to Mr Whately		9	4
Paid to Mr Knight for his charges at the Assizes		10	0
Remains in our hands	1	14	0
Whereof we delivered to George Nicolles, Mayor, towards the charges at the Sessions	1	10	0
Owing still to Mr William Knight his old debt of [sum d.	14	5	2]
Owing still to Mr Showell his old debt		8	18
Owing still to Mr Knight that he paid to Mr Blyncoe [sum d.		7	10
And for his pains about the Charter		6	0
Memorandum. Thomas Foster and John Nycolles are chosen Bridgemasters for this next year.			
We allow Mr Thomas Whately of his bill	13	10	0
Besides that which he requires for the Star Chamber charges		1	8
We bestowed the 4s. on the Beadle and other ways; remains			Nothing
[Auditors:] Henry Showell, John Gill, Thomas Foster.			

1608-9

[f.23] The account of George Nycolles, late Mayor, taken before Nicodemus Edens, Thomas Webb and John Pym, auditors, 29 December 1609.

£ s d

Together with the reckoning of £41 owing to him for charges laid out about the new Charter, the Corporation remains in his debt

4 12 1

[All this account roughly crossed through, 'quit' written in the margin]

He is to receive of the churchwardens that he laid out

2 0 0

to Mr Knight in going to London about the church land

He laid out to poor people, to receive of the Overseers

1 4 0

of the poor

[Auditors:] Nicodemus Edens, Thomas Webb, John Pym

The account of William Knight, chamberlain, taken before the said auditors the day and year abovesaid.

Receipts

68 8 9

Payments

67 3 1

He remains indebted to the Corporation, which he now paid to the auditors

1 5 8

The said day Mr Knight received all his debts except

13 15 2

Nicodemus Edens, Thomas Webb, John Pymm.

Of John Perryry, the [first d] estreats

2 3 0

Of Robert Kynch for the last estreats

3 4 6

Memorandum, George Nycholes, having received of the Corporation £4.12s.1d., confesses that he owes

10 0 0

1 January 1609[/10] [signed] George Nicolles

Due to be paid to George Nycholes which he is to receive from the whole Borough

13 13 4

So there is owing to Mr Nicolles

3 13 4

which Mr Webb has paid him.

This day Thomas Wheatlye acknowledged that he received of the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses all such debts as were owing to him by them, and at the same time he gave to the procuring of the Charter

10 0 0

[In another hand:] per Mr Thomas Whately.

[f.23v] The said day there was granted to Thomas Wheatlye the remainder of the lease of the houses where Keynton and Beast dwell. Robert Russell, Mayor, agreed upon by the Company.

[signed:] William Knight, Chamberlain.

Received of Robert Turton for a fray made by Thomas Udall

3 4

Of Henry Wright and Mathew Smyth for ameracements

3 4

Of Goodwife Borrowes for ameracements

10 0

Of William Samon

2 10 0

And he oweth more for the year upon his account for the woolmarket

10 0

Paid to Mr George Nycolles towards the payment of

Mr Tayler's £10

1 10 0

1609-10

[f.206] At the Hall of Common Council, 31 January 1609[10].

It was fully agreed that Thomas Whately shall have a lease of the Leather Hall and the ground under it for the term of 12 years from the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady next coming, for the fine of £50, to be paid within three weeks. And the Mayor and aldermen and burghesses to make the rent of the premisses worth £8 to the said Thomas Whately yearly and the Company to have the overplus. And Mr Whately to be answered for his money after the ordinary rate from the time of his payment until the Annunciation next.

[Mg.] Mr Whately, a lease of the Leather Hall and ground under for 12 years from the Annunciation, 1610.

[This is at the head of the folio immediately following the 1603 list of Crown or Corporation leases. Further leases, dated 1612-3, 1615-6, 1616-7 and 1622-3, follow, and will be found under those years.]

[f.24] The account of Robert Russell, late Mayor, taken before Thomas Whately, John Nicolles and Thomas Webb, auditors, 30 January 1610[11], 44 James VI.

	£	s	d
The Corporation remains in debt to him	9	14	7
Receipts	18	9	6
Payments	38	4	0
He has paid the Corporation £10 according as the old			
Bailiff did, and so it remains due to be paid to him			
as aforesaid	9	14	7
Of which he was paid presently		10	0

[Auditors:] Thomas Whateley, John Nicholls, Thomas Webb.

[The following account is crossed through:]

The account of William Knight, chamberlain, taken the day and year abovesaid.

Receipts	61	4	0
Payments	57	16	8

So he remains indebted to the Corporation	3	7	4
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Received of Robert Kyntch for the first estreat	1	6	0
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Received of John Perrin for the second estreat	1	5	0
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Of Mr George Nycolles for his half of the elm	£2	0	0
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And for Richard Wrighton towards the new Charter	6	0	
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Paid him back what he paid to the Undersheriff	15	0	
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So we had clearly of him	1	11	0
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Received of Robert Bentley for the other half of the elm	£2	0	0
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Whereof we paid him back for timber and charges about the Wool Hall [19s.7d., so we have clearly of him - d.]	1	0	5
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Received of Henry Halhed, late constable, for bloodsheds and frays	1	3	2
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Of Robert Turton, late constable, for bloodshed and frays	9	4	
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For other old bloodsheds and frays	6	6	
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[f.24] The account of John Pym for the charges of the Wool Hall.

	£	s	d
Receipts	28	10	0
Payments	28	9	8
He paid us the			4
Paid to John Pym for lath and nails about the Wool Hall			
to pay to Theodore Maior and John Turton		17	6
Delivered to Mr John Nycolles and Mr Webb to pay			
Mr Tayler his next money to be due	5	0	0
Received of Robert Kyntch towards the 13s.4d. for the			
half year's use of Mr Oken's money		11	8
Spent at our dinner		15	8

1610-1

[Mayor: Thomas Foster]

[f.24v] 30 January 1610[1], 44 James VI.

A note of those that have lent £1.10s.0d. a-piece towards the making of the house for the Wool Market, to be paid first before any other money.

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T[homas] Whatelye	G[eorge] Nycolles	Mr [John] Gill
Henry Showell	Nicodemus Edens	T[homas] Webb
Edward Eddon	J[ohn] Nycolles	R[obert] Russell
T[homas] Foster	T[homas] Halhed	

[These were all Aldermen under the 1608 Charter - the one missing name is Thomas Wickham, who does not appear to have taken any part in Corporation affairs.]

B

John Pym	George Mosely	Mr [William] Knight
John Wyng	Edward Wisdome	Mr [Nicholas] Austen
Robert Bently	John Awsten	

[The first six were Chief Burgesses under the Charter, the other two Chamberlain and Town Clerk respectively.]

All those abovesaid have paid 5s. a-piece towards the payment of the use of £50 taken of Mr Tayler.

[A further list of those contributing towards the repayment of William Tayler occupies the lower half of the folio. Dated 17 February 1611, it will be found under 1611-2.

William Tayler, who evidently provided the capital to build the Wool Hall, was named an Assistant, and a Fellow of the Hospital, in the 1608 Charter. In his will, dated 31 July 1630 and proved in P.C.C. 14 February 1630/1 (P.R.O. PROB/11/159 [27 St. John], f.212v), he states: 'whereas I have given and delivered into the hands of my loving friends Mr William Knight, Mr Bezaleel Knight his son, William Allen, Edward Russell and William Potter, inhabitants of Banbury, the sum of one hundred pounds of current money of England towards the building of a mar-

ket house or public house within the said Borough at their or the major part of their discretions and appointments for the general use and benefit of the said Borough. My will and intent is that the rents, benefits and profits from the said house yearly arising (if any shall or can be made) shall be bestowed by the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses of the same Borough and their successors in manner and form following (that is to say), one moiety or half part to and for the use, benefit and behoof of the poor of the said Borough, and the other moiety or half part for the repaying, maintaining and keeping of the same house from time to time in decent and comely manner.'

The Wool Hall is identified as the building in the Market Place, later used both as gaol and Blue Coat school, of which part still survives (V.C.H., 82). The bequest in 1631 was used to build a new Town Hall, a successor to that mentioned in the 1606 survey (V.C.H., 24, quoting Potts, pp.142-3. Potts, in assigning William Tayler's death to 1633, evidently confused him with his son, executor and namesake, William Tayler, whose administration was granted on 14 May 1634.).]

[f.25] The account of Thomas Foster, late Mayor, taken before us, John Gill, Nicodemus Edens and Robert Russell, auditors, 28 December 1611.

	£	s	d
He remained indebted to the Corporation	10	7	10

Whereof [he] delivered to Mr Webb £10 towards the payment of the £55 to Mr Tayler; and the rest being 7s.10s. delivered to the Beadle towards his rate.

His receipts

His payments

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[blank]

[Auditors:] John Gyll, Nicodemus Edens, Robert Russell.

The account of William Knight, chamberlain, taken the same day.

Receipts	23	1	10
Payments	24	9	9
So remains due to him	1	7	9

which we paid him.

John Gyll, Nicodemus Edens, Robert Russell.

Memorandum. Owing to Mr Thomas Whateley for the charges about the writ for £160 which came out of the Commission Court, for which Mr Knight and he were imprisoned at Oxford

4 9 6

Also to Mr Showell for the same charges for his part, being also one of the parties in the said writ now owing to be paid to Henry Showell

4 9 6

John Gyll, Nicodemus Edens.

1611-2

[Mayor: Thomas Whateley]

[The following is based on **Beesley, "History of Banbury"**, pp.258-60.]

Abstract of the By-Laws of the Corporation, 10 March 9 James [1611/2].

Recital of the power of the Common Council to make by-laws, under the new charter. The manner of their proceeding to the Common Hall for the election of Mayor, "in such decent apparel as shall befit their place and calling and such gowns as they now use upon such occasions or shall hereafter by the most part of the Company be agreed upon"; every defaulter to forfeit £1. Fine for not attending common halls, or for departing without leave, 3s.4d. Fine for councilmen not conducting themselves "soberly, discreetly and peaceably" at common halls, 3s.4d. The Mayor to have the casting vote. The manner of choosing the Mayor: everyone refusing to vote or not giving his voice in convenient time to forfeit £1. The Mayor to reside within the borough, or forfeit £2 for every month he shall be absent without the consent of the council. Every inhabitant of the borough being hereafter chosen Mayor, Justice, Chamberlain, alderman, burgess, assistant, constable, churchwarden, tithingman, overseer of the highways or of the poor, taster of victuals, searcher or sealer of leather, or to any other office within the borough, having due notice or knowledge of their election, who shall refuse or deny or do not take the oath and exercise the offices to which they respectively shall be appointed, shall forfeit to the use aforesaid £1. Every inhabitant "shall be of good behaviour as well in words as deeds towards the Mayor, Justices of the Peace, aldermen, capital burgesses and other officers there and shall behave them towards these officers with due respects of their place and calling upon pain that every one offending shall forfeit 3s.4d." "Item, it is ordered according to the ancient custom of this borough that every person that shall break his Majesty's Peace or the peace of his heirs and successors within the borough by any blow or force offered wherein no blood is shed being duly convicted thereof shall pay 3s.4d. to the use aforesaid, and if any blood be shed, 6s.8d., and the party so breaking the peace shall be committed to prison of the borough until he shall make payment." "Item, it is ordered (as by the Letters Patent is granted) That the Mayor, aldermen and capital burgesses or the more part of them shall have power and authority from time to time as need shall require to tax and levy as well the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses as also all other inhabitants of the borough towards the entertainment of his Majesty, the Prince his son, the Queen or any of his Majesty's Royal ...; and towards the paving, railing or mending the streets, repairing the bridge, keeping of prisoners, the ... poor and house of correction, maintaining of the prison and prisoners; or to or for any other public ... thought needful to be done in or about the borough by the greater part of the Common Council." Persons refusing to pay to be fined, or imprisoned by warrant from the Mayor, "for want of such distress to be found." Every "foreigner or other inhabitant" that shall practise "any trade, art, craft, mystery, science or occupation or that shall be a scrivener, innholder, innkeeper, victualler, or maltster within the borough and practising the same within the borough, not being first

made a Freeman of the borough by the most part of the Common Council and having taken his oath and be entered into the Chamberlain's book of the borough shall forfeit, -s." Every one not a Freeman who shall sell or expose to sale or cause to be sold or put to sale any wares or merchandise within the borough or the liberties thereof, "otherwise then in grosse to a Freeman or upon Market days or Fair days," to forfeit 10s. The Common Council may tax "every person that shall come to the fairs and markets for the making clean the streets, for their more convenient standing to sell their merchandise, for a payment to be made quarterly for the use aforesaid so as the same exceed not 12d. per quarter at most." Every felon committed to the common gaol shall pay for his delivery to the gaoler such fees as are paid in the county. Everyone committed for misdemeanour, "if he be committed to the common gaol, 4d.: if to the other of the better sort, 6d.: and for every one that is bound by recognisance, 12d." Any tradesmen, etc., taking or retaining "any person to dwell with him or them to learn the said person his or their art, trade, mistery, science or occupation for less than seven years in good and plain meaning," or taking any married man apprentice without consent of the Council, or taking any "coulerably," or suffering an apprentice to serve [out of?] the borough for a longer time than six months, shall forfeit £5. Regulations, fees and fines concerning apprentices and freemen. "Item, Whereas in all Christian societies for the better performance of our duty to Almighty God it is requisite that special care be had of his Sabbeth commonly called Sundays, It is therefore ordered that if any inhabitant within the borough do at any time hereafter make or procure any other to work by exercising or putting in use any art, trade, handy craft, mistery, science or occupation within the borough upon any such Sabbeth day unless it be upon commandment for the Prince's service or upon some necessary occasion to be approved by the Mayor and two of the aldermen or burgesses for the time being before the thing be done, or if any such inhabitant shall sell or put or offer to sale any goods, merchandises or wares upon the Sabbeth day (necessary victuals to be sold out of Divine Service only excepted); Or if any baker, butcher, vintner or any other victualler shall set open any shop door or window or ... such necessary victuals in any other place than at his dwelling house; Or if any butcher shall kill any ... upon the Sabbeth day; that every such person so offending for every such default shall pay to the use aforesaid ..." Against unlawful games on the Sabbeth: the Mayor or his deputy and one other Justice to decide, but not to inflict more than 24 hours imprisonment. Concerning the accounts. Concerning the recovery of fines. All which Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions were allowed by the Justices, Sir Christopher Yelverton and Sir Edward Williams; subject to revision if found prejudicial, or if any were vexed or troubled in body or goods by the abusing of these orders; and also to be regarded as nugatory if hurtful to the King's prerogative, etc.

[A footnote gives as authority a copy of the By-Laws then (1841) in the Town Clerk's Office; made, according to a statement dated 7 June 1716 by Jane Newlove, by Philip Style (d.1706), her father, when Town Clerk, from the original made under the Charter.]

[Book of Accounts, f.24v] [mg.] 17 February 1611[2].

The names of those that lent £2 a-piece for the payment of Mr Tayler's £50 [altered to £55], being due tomorrow. £55 for which Mr Webb is to be made to be paid first at the other abovesaid. [For an earlier list see under 1610-1.]

1. Mr [Henry] Showell	£2	11. Mr [John] Gill	£2
2. Thomas Webb	£2	12. John Nicolles	£2
3. John Awsten	£2	13. Thomas Halhed for him-	£4
4. John Wynge	£2	14. self and his brother	£4
5. Mr [Edward?] Edonn	£2	15. Richard Vivers	£2
6. George Moseley	£2	16. Robert Bentley	£2
7. Mr [Thomas] Foster	£2	17. Edward Wisdome	£2
8. Edward Man	£2	18. Bartholomew Nayler	£2
9. Mr [Robert] Russell	£2	19. Mr [William] Knight	£2
10. Mr [Nicodemus?] Edens	£2	20. Mr [Nicholas] Austen	£2

[The above are numbered in the original.]

All those abovesaid have paid 9s. a-piece to Mr Knight for charges of the confirmation of the orders, except Mr Knight himself and Mr Austen and Edward Man and Bartholomew Nayler.

[f.25v] [mg.] 18 April 1612.

The names of those that have paid £5 a-piece to Mr Webb to pay the £100 to Mr Tayler.

1. Mr [William] Knight	£ 5	10. John Nicolles	£5
2. Robert Russell	£ 5	11. John Austen	£5
3. John Wynge	£ 5	12. Nicodemus Edens	£5
4. Edward Wisdome	£ 5	13. Richard Vivers	£5
5. Thomas Halhed for him-	£10	14. Mr [Edward] Edon	£5
6. self and his brother John		15. Mr [Nicholas] Austen	£5
7. Robert Bentley	£ 5	16. Bartholomew Nayler	£5
8. George Moseley	£ 5	17. Edward Man	£5
9. Thomas Webb	£ 5	18. Mr [Henry] Showell	£5
19. Mr [John] Gill, whereof the Corporation paid £2			
that they owed him			£5
20. Mr [Thomas] Foster, whereof he owes still to			
Mr Web £2, which £2 is paid to Mr Web by the			
Corporation, 11 January 1612[3].			£5

[f.26] 18 April 1612.

Several sums of money have been expended about certain suits, obtaining the Charter of this Borough, the suit of the Cross, and other charges, the entertainment of the King, the building of the Wool Hall and other business concerning the Corporation; which sums were paid out of the private [purses - d.] of the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses, the Chamberlain, and the Town Clerk. It is fully agreed by the Company that as money is received for the use of the Corporation, the same shall at every account be divided proportionately to every one of them; viz., to him that has laid out £20, after the rate of £20, and so proportionately, till their several debts be paid.

[f.26]

	£	s	d		£	s	d
1. Henry Showell	22	10	0	14. Thomas Halhed			
2. Robert Russell	17	1	7	junior		9	0
3. Thomas Halhed the				15. Henry Halhed		9	0
elder	16	4	0	16. William Knight	14	15	0
4. Nicodemus Edens	9	4	0	17. Nicholas Austen			
5. John Nycolles	9	4	0	£9.4s., whereof 9s.			
6. Thomas Webb	9	4	0	was over-received,			
7. John Wyng	9	4	0	so it is but	8	15	0
8. Robert Bentley	9	4	0	18. Richard Vivers			
9. Edward Wisdome	9	4	0	£5.9s. and £2, in			
10. John Austen	9	4	0	all	7	9	0
11. George Moseley	9	4	0	19. Bartholomew Nayler	7	0	0
12. Thomas Whateley	6	13	6	20. Edward Man	7	0	0
13. John Gill	10	14	0	21. Edward Edon	9	4	0
whereof £1.10s. is				22. Thomas Foster	7	4	0
for John Pym's debt*				23. Mr George Nycolles**	1	10	0

[Mg. level with the number 17, the total '166', and level with 23, '210.10.1']

Allowed and agreed by [signatures]:

Thomas Whateley, Mayor, Henry Showell, John Gyll, Nicodemus Edens, John Nicholles, Thomas Webb, John Winge, Robert Bentley, George Mosley, Edward Wisdome, John Awsten, Thomas Halhed.

[f.27] The account of Thomas Whateley, late Mayor, taken before John Wyng, Robert Bentley and Edward Wisdome, auditors, 11 January 1612 [✓3].

	£	s	d
Remains due to the Corporation	4	11	5
Receipts	14	14	8
Payments	10	13	3
Remains due to the Corporation	4	1	5
which was received by us [auditors:] Robert Bentley, John Winge, Edward Wysdome.			
[The figures of receipts and balance due have been altered.]			

The account of Mr William Knight, Chamberlain, taken the day and year abovesaid.

Receipts	126	1	4
Payments	76	6	4
Remains due to the Corporation	49	15	0
which was delivered to the auditors, whereof was paid to Mr Webb £2 that Mr Foster wanted of the £5 to Mr Web.			
Given back to the sergeant for Mr Nycolles		6	0
		and more [by] us.	

* John Pym was son-in-law to John Gill, and had been buried 28 March 1611.

** The last entry apparently added later - George Nicholls had been buried 9 April 1611.

	£	s	d
[f.27]			
Received of John Walker for [the d.] fray		3	4
and of John Rymill for [a] fray		3	4
Received of Mr William Knight, the money that John Long was to pay	2	10	0
Received of John Perrin, sergeant, for one estreat	1	5	10
Received of Robert Kyntch, one of the sergeants, for one estreat	4	17	0
Of Foulk Wyng, constable		6	8
Of Edmund Smalbon, tithingman		6	8
Also of Robert Kyntch, sergeant, for Mr Oken's money		13	4
Of John Goodyn, constable		10	0
Of William Sammon for the wool weights	3	5	0
Paid Plumton rent for the poor to Robert Bentley	1	6	8
For the dinner		15	0
Item, to those of the aldermen and burgesses, Chamberlain, Town Clerk and others, as appears on the next leaf [i.e., f.28], being part of their debts owing by the Corporation	50	10	0
Sum of the receipts	144	3	11
Sum of the payments	131	9	0
Remains	12	4	11
All paid and delivered except 15s. which was delivered to Mr Knight, Chamberlain, to pay Mr Eden in part of his debt of £6.15s.			
So remains			Nothing
[Auditors:] John Winge, Robert Bentley, Edward Wysdome.			

[f.27v] The account of Thomas Whateley and John Nicholles, bridgema-
sters, taken 11 January 1612[3].

Receipts	4	11	5
Payments	4	12	9
Owing to them		1	4

The account of William Samon, Clerk of the Borough Beam, taken 15 Janu-
ary 1612[3].

Receipts	5	9	3
Whereof the auditors have allowed him for his pains	2	4	3
Thus, due to the Corporation	3	5	0

To Thomas Pilkenton, constable, which the Company have repaid him 11 0

[This item apparantly written in later, and, above it, 'This 11s. is due to the house'.]			
[To Robert Turton for the King's provision, 1610	1	12	5]
[This entry deleted, and, written in left margin, 'payable by the whole borough, to be gathered according to a fifteen'; and in right margin 'paid'.]			
[To Henry Halhed for the King's provision, 1610 d.		9	0]
[Mg. Henry Halhed paid by Mr Wheatley, Mr Eadomes, Mr Awstyn, 15 Mch 1615]			

[f.27v]

To Henry Sharpe for the King's provision, 1612
 To Mr Thomas Whateley, late Mayor, for divers charges
 laid out for the public good [sending idle persons
 to the house of correction, etc. d.]

£ s d
 2 0 0

[Mg. Mr Wheateley was paid £3, 13 March 1615(/6).
 Due to Mr Wheatley £2.16s.6d.]

5 16 6

To Mr William Knight, Chamberlain, for the glasing of
 the Court Hall, for irons and other things for the
 prisons, for paving the Castle Orchard Lane, repair-
 ing of the Almshouse and such like things

4 14 10

[Mg. I laid out this money for the town and was paid
 by the Company. William Knight.]

[To George Robyns for the King's provision, 1609 - d.]

1 9 10

[Mg. Pay George Robynes 13 March 1615(/6), in part
 of £1.19s.10d., 12s.]

[To Bartholomew Nayler for dressing armour d.]

15 6

[To Ralph Dixe for provision for the King, 1609 d.]

1 5 0

[entered later:] Ralph Dixe paid 15 March 1615[6].

[Mg. Paid by Mr Thomas Weatley, Robert Bentley and
 George Robins, auditors, 1620, to George Robbins,
 in(?), 18s.]

[Mg. £18.3s.1d.]

[Auditors:] John Winge, Robert Bentley, Edward Wydome.

[a later entry:] For the armour, swords, daggers, etc.

[blank]

For the muster master

[blank]

[f.28] 11 January 1612, paid the money that the Corporation owed.

	£	s	d		s	d		s	d
To Mr Showell	5	10	0		2	6	and	8	0
To Mr Knight	3	10	0		3	9	and	5	6
To Mr Halhed	4	0	0		1	0	and	6	0
To Mr [Nicodemus] Edens	2	5	0		1	0	and	3	0
To Mr Nicholles	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Mr Webb	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To John Awsten	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Mr Bentley	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Mr Wyng	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Edward Wisdome	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Mr Foster	1	15	0		1	0		2	6
To Mr Russell	4	0	0			4 $\frac{1}{2}$		6	0
To [Nicholas] Austen	2	0	0		3	9		3	0
To Mr John Gyll	2	10	0		3	6		4	0
To Mr Edward Edon	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Widow [Joyce] Mosley*	2	5	0		1	0		3	0
To Bartholomew Nayler	1	15	0					2	6
To Edward Man	1	15	0					2	6
To Mr Thomas Wheatley	1	10	0		3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		2	6
To Richard Vivers	1	15	0		2	3		2	6

[Mg. £50.10s.0d.]

* George Moseley was buried 25 December 1612.

[f.28] Paid more to Mistress Amy Nicolles* 5s. and 6d.

Also everyone abovesaid had paid the fourth part of the odds of their debt, as appears in their other receipts abovesaid

And also to Thomas Halhed the younger accordingly of 9s.

And likewise to Henry Halhed

And also paid more of every pound 6d. of the debt remaining after the debts in part abovesaid.

And paid more to Mr Eden of his debt of £6.15s., remaining

£	s	d
	2	3
	2	3

15	0
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[Auditors:] John Winge, Robert Bentley, Edward Wisdome.

1612-3

[From this year on, with occasional exceptions, there is an annual record on 29 September of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials.]

[f.26v] 29 September 1612.

This day Henry Showell, Alderman of this borough, was sworn Mayor of this borough of Banbury according to the Charter, to remain so for one whole year next ensuing.

Test. William Knight, Chamberlain.

Auditors: John Whing, Robert Bentlye, George Moselye**

Constables: John Goodwyn, sworn; Epiphany Hill, sworn

Tithingmen: Fulke Whing, sworn; Thomas Whing, sworn; Richard Devell, sworn; [Seth Pope, d.] William Mandar, sworn.

Tasters of victuals: [James Allen d.***] William Reson, sworn; Robert Crofts, sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Luccock, sworn; John Wryton, sworn

Overseers of the wards for the poor: Mr Foster, east end of Colebar Street; Mr Nycholes; Mr Webb; Mr Whing, from Bridge to [William] Elkenton's; George Mosely, east end of [St.] John's Street to Roberts'; Edward Wysdom, North Bar to [St.] John's Bar; Richard Vyvers

Tollgatherers for the beasts' market: Edward Walker, sworn; Edward Coates, sworn

Tollgatherers for the sheep market: Anthony Bradley, sworn; Barnaby White, sworn; Anthony Nottingham, sworn.

[f.206] 15 January 1612[3].

Memorandum. The day and year aforesaid, Henry Showell (being the Mayor of the said Borough) did deliver and put into the great chest in the Town Hall the two deeds of feoffment of entail of Thomas Dixe, tanner, his tanhouse and land, viz., three parts to Ralph Dixe and the fourth part to John Dix, his eldest son, the said Henry Showell and Mr William

* She was widow of George Nicholls who died 1611.

** George Mosely died in December and his place as auditor was taken by Edward Wisdom - see under 1611-2.

*** James Allen was buried 8 May 1613.

[f.206] Bentley, deceased, being the feofees to uses. And also a bond of £100 made to the said Henry and William that the said Ralph shall well and truly pay all the legacies of the said Thomas according to the meaning of the will.

[Thomas Dixe, a former alderman, had been buried in the church 21 November 1599. In his will (printed in "Banbury Wills and Inventories, Part 1, 1591-1620", B.H.S. vol.13, no.58) he left to 'the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury, 20s. towards the stock of money to buy coals for the poor of Banbury'; and his overseers William Bentley and Henry Showell were each to receive a tanned calf skin of 2s. price. Two sons named John were mentioned, the eldest and the youngest, and Ralph was his executor and residuary legatee. However there is no mention of the division of property between Ralph and John Dixe.]

[f.29] 10 January 1613.

The account taken before the auditors Thomas Foster, John Nicholes and John Awsten.

	£	s	d
William Knyght, chamberlain, received as appeared by his book	110	1	11
He had laid out	107	1	1½
He was indebted to us	3	0	9½
He paid and is quit			
Received of the woolendrapers' company		5	0
Of Richard Devill, constable, for frays and bloodsheds [of the baldes(?) and John Barns d.]		19	0
Of William Mawnder for [a] fray by John Bull		6	8
Of Neale for a fray		3	4
Of Fulke Whing		18	2
Of Hall the roper for a fray		6	8
Of Mr Showell, last Mayor, upon his account		5	8
Of John Perrin		14	6
Of Robert Kynch	1	9	8
Of John Scott [ameracements d.]		1	0
Of Mr Ocam's money		13	4
[mg. The rest (i.e., of the previous money) [in] Mr Knight's account, and 11s. due by the town is paid him.]			
Of Thomas Pilkenton towards the Charter [and he owes 11s. - d.]	1	9	0
Of Robert Bentlye, money that was lent for a stock for the poor	5	0	0
[Of the woollen drapers' company d.]		5	0]
Of Mr Bonner	3	0	0
Of William Sammon of his account for the Wool Hall	3	0	0
Of the mercers' company		10	0
Sum received	17	2	9
[Mg. to right:]	22	2	9

[f.29]	Paid out of the said sum by the auditors:	£	s	d
To Fulke Whing			3	9
To the sergeant for horse hire to warr			3	0
The Company's dinners		1	1	0
Given to the sergeant and for coals			3	4
More in charges			3	4
		1	14	5
So remains		20	6	4
Received more of the overplus of money lent to the poor			9	9
		20	16	1

Whereof is paid as follows on the other side [f.29v].

[f.29v] The names of those to whom several debts are owing.

Of these debts every man has received for the even pounds two shillings for every pound, paid them at this account. At the same time was delivered to the administration of Nicholas Awsten a sword that was [blank] York's for five marks, and then there is owing to Nicholas Awsten only £2.9s.7d., which they are to be paid again if the sword be recovered from them.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
32s. Henry Showell	16	9	6	12s. George Moselye	6	15	0
24s. Robert Russell	12	10	2½	8s. Thomas Wheatlye	4	17	7
22s. Thomas Halhed the elder	11	18	0	14s. John Gill	7	16	6
12s. Nicodemus Edons	6	15	0	20s. William Knight	10	15	9
12s. John Nicholes	6	15	0	Md. Nicholas Awsten	6	8	3
12s. Thomas Webb	6	15	0	10s. Richard Vyvers	5	9	3
12s. John Whing	6	15	0	10s. Bartholomew Nayler	5	2	6
12s. Robert Bentlye	6	15	0	10s. Edward Man	5	2	6
12s. Edward Wysdome	6	15	0	Md. Mr [Edward] Edon	6	0	0
12s. John Awsten	6	15	0	10s. Thomas Foster	5	5	5
				2s. George Nicholes	1	4	6

Sum total [blank]

Paid to Edward Edon at the same time of his debt of £6	1	0	0
Paid him more		2	0
So that now there is due to him only	4	6	0
Paid since the amount abovesaid more, that was left of the overplus of the money that was lent to the poor		9	9
So that there is owing to Mr Eton only	3	17	0
Paid to Katheryn Kendall*		6	4
Paid to those that had lent money to the poor	4	10	3

Due 'vi^{xx}, [?] 14 9 4
Cast 14 June 1615

* Widow of Timothy Kendall, will proved 1612 (B.H.S.13, no.135).

1613-4

[f.28v] 29 September 1613.

Nicodemus Edons was this day sworn Mayor and also took the oath of Supremacy.

Auditors: Thomas Foster, John Nicholes, John Awsten

Constables: Seth Pope, sworn; Richard Devell, sworn

Tithingmen: William Maunder, sworn; John Bentlye, sworn; Thomas Udall, sworn; Robert Leech, sworn

Richard Waw, gentleman, was this day sworn Coroner of this town, and took the oath of Supremacy.

Tasters of victuals: William Reyzin [Reson], sworn; Robert Croftes, sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Luccock, sworn; Thomas Keynton, sworn

Bridgemasters: Thomas Whately; John Nycholes

[f.29, at foot]

A Note dated 17 January 1613[4] that Epiphany Hill acknowledges his debt to the town of £2, which he promises to pay, £1 at 'first fair next' and £1 at the next Leet to be held within the Borough.

1615.

This money the Chamberlain has accounted for this year, 1615, and has paid it to the auditors.

[f.206]

[Mg.] '11 May 1614 this is about ...' [this entry does not appear to have been completed, and preceding and following entries are of quite different dates.]

[f.30v] 14 June 1615.

The account taken by Thomas Web, Robert Russell and Thomas Halhed, auditors.

	Receipts		
	£	s	d
William Knight, Chamberlain, made his account and he remained in debt which he presently paid	30	8	3
Of the Smiths' Company		6	8
Of Mr [Nicodemus] Edons, late Mayor	10	0	0
Of John Perryn, sergeant, for the estreats		17	0
Of Robert Kynch, sergeant		4	0
	[d. 4	5	8]
Of the same for Mr Ocam's money	1	6	8
Of the constable, Seth Pope		9	2
Of Richard Devell, constable		10	0
Of William Samon, for the wool market	1	11	0
Arrears of rent in Mr Thomas Whateley's hand for the upper part of the Leather Hall	4	0	0
Of Mr Edons for [William] Alsopp's quart pots being too little		10	0
Of amercements for victualling without licence, etc.	1	0	0
Sum received	54	19	1

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed junior.

[f.30v]		Payments	£	s	d
For our supper at the Lion			1	1	10
Given to poor people			1	0	0
Paid to Mr [Nicodemus] Edons for charges laid out by him, being Mayor			10	0	0
To William Alsopp				10	0
Paid to the debts that were due, as appears on the other side [f.31]			41	13	4
To Mistress Eton*				7	0
Delivered to the Chamberlain till the next account				9	0
Sum total			54	19	1

And so the account is finished by the auditors underwritten the day aforesaid.

Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed junior.

[f.31] Debts owing 14 June 1615.

The sums of this side is paid.			This sum due		
£	d	d	£	s	d
4	13	4	Mr Showell	14	17 6
3	13	4	Mr Russell	11	6 2
3	6	8	Mr Halhed senior	10	16 0
2	0	0	Mr [Nicodemus] Edons	6	3 0
2	0	0	Mr Nicholes	6	3 0
2	0	0	Mr Webb	6	3 0
2	0	0	John Whing	6	3 0
2	0	0	Robert Bentlye	6	3 0
2	0	0	Edward Wysdom	6	3 0
2	0	0	John Awsten	6	3 0
2	0	0	George Moselye	6	3 0
1	6	8	Thomas Whately	4	9 7
2	6	8	Mr Gill	7	2 6
3	0	0	W[illiam] Knight	9	15 9
13	4		Nicholas Awsten	2	9 7
1	6	8	Richard Vivers	4	19 3
1	6	8	Bartholomew Nayler	4	12 6
1	6	8	Edward Man	4	12 6
1	0	0	Mr [Edward] Eton	3	17 0
1	6	8	Thomas Foster	4	15 6
6	8		George Nicholes	1	2 6
41	13	4	Sum paid	92	5 10
			Sum remains due	92	5 10

Item, paid to Mistress Eton*7s., so there remains due to her £2.10s.0d.

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed junior.

* Her husband Edward Edens was buried 12 May 1615.

1614-5

[f.30] 29 September 1614, 12 James.

This day John Nicholes was chosen Mayor and took his oath accordingly, and the oath of Supremacy.

And then were chosen:

Auditors: Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed [junior]
 Constables: Seth Pope, sworn; Edmund Smalbone, sworn
 Tithingmen: Thomas Udall, sworn; Robert Leach, sworn; John Turton, sworn; William Allen, sworn
 Bridgemasters: Thomas Whately, Thomas Webb
 Tasters of Victuals: William Rezing, sworn; William Potter, sworn; Thomas [Densy d.] Midleton [sworn omitted]
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Luccock, sworn; Thomas Keynton, sworn

[f.32] Accounts taken before Thomas Wheatlye, Nicodemus Edons and John Awsten, auditors, 15 January 1615[6].

	£	s	d
William Knyght, chamberlain, had laid out £45.10s. and he received the same, so remains			Nothing
Of John Nicholes, late Mayor	1	16	10
Of Kynch's estreats	3	13	0
Of John Perrin's estreats	1	4	0
Of Kynch for Mr Ockam's money	1	6	8
Of the constables and tithingmen		17	2
Of William Samon for the woolmarket	2	0	0
Of John Turton's money [of the fifteen money d.]	6	13	4
Of Mr Dawkes	5	0	0
Of Richard Bloxham's money	4	0	0
Of John Keelye's money	2	0	0
Of Seth Pope the fifteen money	8	14	9
For frays, bloodsheds	1	11	8
Of several odd sums	3	19	4
Laid out for the poor		13	4
To the Overseers of the poor, received by Mr Wheatlye	2	10	0
For our suppers		16	7
To Swayne		[no entry]	
For wine and lights		2	2
To Mr Bendbow		2	6
To pay Mr Chamberlain's money owing of his account	2	5	10
Paid to the Company, part of their debts	21	6	4
To Mr Sharpe	2	0	0
To Mr [Thomas] Whately, part of his debt laid out in his Mayoralty	3	0	0
To Ralph Dix	1	5	0
To Henry Halhed		9	0
To George Robins		12	0
To B[artholomew] Nayler	3	12	0
To Seth Pope for himself and Robert Turton	4	5	3
More to Nayler		5	0

[f.32]

To Kynch for the prisoners

For warning of the watch

To Densye

To Mr Chamberlain, remaining when the account was ended

£	s	d
15	0	
3	4	
3	4	
16	0	

Memorandum, that at the account there was no account
taken of Edward [sic - mistake for Edmund] Smalbone.

[f.32v]

The sums paid
on this side are
paid out of the
account last be-
fore this 15
March [1615/6]

Paid by the auditors to those
that are underwritten, part of
their sums to them due. And
there was owing to them this
15 March 1615[76] as appears on
their names

Paid more of this
money to every
man as appeareth
at the end of his
name, 28 December
1616

[The first and second headings and the first and
second columns of figures evidently written at
one time.]

[This heading re-
fers to the third
column of figures]

	£	s	d		£	s	d
50s. Mr Showell	7	14	2	35s. Mr Ma[<u>yor</u>]	5	19	2
				[mg. Mr Bent.]			
35s. Mr Russell	5	17	10	25s. Mr R.	4	12	10
35s. Mr Thomas Halhed sen.	5	14	4	25s. Mr Viuers	4	9	4
20s. Mr Edons	3	3	0	15s. Mr Ma[<u>yor</u>]	2	8	0
20s. Mr Nicholes	3	3	0	15s. Mr Nich.	2	8	0
20s. Mr Web	3	3	0	15s. Mr Web	2	8	0
20s. Mr Wyng	3	3	0	15s. Mr W.	2	8	0
20s. Mr Bently	3	3	0	15s. Mr Bent.	2	8	0
20s. I.A. Edward Wysdom	3	3	0	15s. Mr Wis.	2	8	0
20s. John Awsten	3	3	0	15s. Mr Aw.	2	8	0
20s. H.H. George Moselye	3	3	0	15s. Mr Viv.	2	8	0
15s. Thomas Wheatlye	2	2	11	10s. Mr Web	1	12	10
20s. Mr Gill	3	15	10	15s. Mr Awsten	3	0	10
20s. Mr Knight	5	5	9	25s. Mr Knight	4	0	9
5s. I.A. Mr Awsten	1	10	11	5s. Mr Aws.	1	5	11
15s. R[<u>ichard</u>] Vyvers	2	17	7	10s. R.V.	2	7	7
15s. W.K. B[<u>artholomew</u>] Nayler	2	10	11	10s. R.V.	2	7	7
				10s. Mr Russ.	2	3	5
15s. Ed[<u>ward</u>] Man	1	10	11	10s. E.M.	2	0	11
12s. 6d. R.V. Mr [E <u>dw</u> ard] Eton	1	17	6	5s. R.V.	1	12	6
15s. R.B. Mr Foster	2	8	10	10s. R.V.	1	18	10
3s. 10d. N.E. George Nicholes	12	0		3s. [blank]	9	0	
was paid 3s. 10d.							
Remains due	70	12	6	So remains owing	55	4	0

[The final column of fig-
ures appears to have been
written later]

The account was finished 15 March 1615[76] by

[signatures:] Thomas Whately, Nicodemus Edons, John Awsten.

1615-6

[There is no record of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials for 1615-6. As appears from the accounts, the Mayor was John Winge.]

[f.31v] 15 January 1615[6].

Agreed that Bartholomew Nayler shall be paid half-yearly 5s. to the mending and dressing of armour belonging to the town, and his first payment is to begin at the Lady Day next, and the Chamberlain to pay it. And he must keep a note of the armour.

[Mg.] 11 March 1617[8].

A note of all the armour that belongs to the borough of Banbury.

First, 3 corselettes furnished
4 muskets furnished

[The list remained unfinished.]

[f.207v - for earlier entries of leases on this folio, see 1602-3.]

Thomas Walker, a lease of a tenement at the west end of Parsons Lane on the south side, dated 1 August 1616, for 10 years from Lady Day then last past.

[f.34] Accounts taken by John Nicholes, Edward Wisdom and Richard Vivers, auditors, 28 December 1616, 14 James.

	£	s	d
William Knight, chamberlain, made his account and paid	7	11	6
The estreats from Robert Kynch	2	15	0
The estreats from John Perin	2	15	0
Of Robert Kynch for Mr Ocam's money	1	6	8
Of the constables and tithingmen	1	11	7
Of William Samon for the woolmarket	3	0	0
Of John Scott	5	0	0
Of Mr Winge's account for his mayoralty	15	15	4

At this account it was agreed that Mr Russell shall be paid for money that Sir William Cope stays concerning the charges about Curtis

1 13 4

Which money is to be paid by the town at the next assessment

Mr John Winge is to be paid in like manner

7 13 7

Paid at the same account,

For the Company's dinner

2 0 0

To the poor

13 4

Paid to the Company that was owing to them

15 3 0

Delivered to the Chamberlain that remained of the account

2 1

To Mr Wyng

1 9 1

More for sack

1 0

To Mr Swayne

4 10 0

To Mr Nicholes, the 10th part of Swayne's money that came to the Company

4 0

[f.34]

Paid more to Mr Wyng that he had expended
 Paid back again of some ameracements
 Paid to Kinche towards the loss of his estreats

£	s	d
15	0	0
	9	8
	3	0

[Auditors:] John Nicholles, Edward Wysdome, Richard Vivers.

1616-7

[f.33] 19 September 1616.

This day Robert Bentlye was sworn Mayor and he also took the oath of Supremacy.

Bridgemasters: Robert Russell; Thomas Halhed junior

Constables: 1. William Maunder, sworn; 2. Robert Kyng, sworn;
 3. Thomas Udall, sworn

Tithingmen: Anthony Hall, sworn; Randoll Syms, sworn; Mathew Bentlye, sworn; James West, sworn

Tasters: Thomas Perrin; Edward Williamson; Thomas Densye; Thomas Middleton

Searchers and sealers of leather: Robert Rose, sworn; Thomas Keynton, sworn

Sergeants: John Perrin and Robert Kynch

[f.207] [for earlier entries of leases on this folio, see 1602-3 and 1615-6.]

[This entry deleted:]

Richard Cope, Esquire, a lease of the ground against his house in St. John's Street walled in, for 61 years from Michaelmas, 1616, 14 James rent, 10s.]

Robert Midleboroake [or Midlebrooke], Esquire, a lease to him made of his house, dated 31 October 1616, to continue for 99 years if the said Robert or Joan his wife so long live.

Mr Wheatlye's lease, and [Thomas] Toolye's lease, are in the Box D.

[f.34v] 4 January 1616[/7].

The Town Rents, half-yearly, for Borough of Banbury in County of Oxford.

Bridge North	s	d	Persons Lane, Market Place, Bread Cross	s	d
Mathew Winge	5	0			
William White	3	4			
Widow [Margery] Yardly	3	4	Widow Taler		6
John Sale	7	0	Nicodemus Edons	2	0
Thomas Foster	3	4	Waste Ground	1	0
Thomas Glover	5	6	Thomas Densie	4	0
John Dixe	6	0	Hugh Sherwood	5	0
Thomas Pen	1	0	John Smith		3
Widow [Anne] Nicholes		6			
Thomas Udall his pale		3			

[f.34v] Horsemarket

	£	s	d
Edward Phill		6	8
Thomas Hewick			6
Peter Wootton	13	4	
John Nicholes	3	4	

Bridge South
and New Lands

Mathew Alsopp		1	0
Nicholas Barrowes		5	0
Bartholomew Nayler		4	6
Anthony Hall		6	0
John Simons	10	0	
Richard Draper			9
Widow Hadden			4
Henry Richardes			4
H[?] Showell			3
John Plumpton's house [mg. poor]	1	5	0
John Simones			3
Tenter close [mg. poor]	1	5	0
John Scot		1	6

North Bar

Henry Kimble		5	0
Richard Followay		3	0
Theodore Maior	14	0	
Edward Wisdome			3

St. John's [Street]

	s	d
Henry Elderson	3	0
Robert Baker	3	4
Seth Pope	3	0
Widow Helmedon	10	0
[mg. Mr Web, Mr Nicholes*]		
Sir Anthony Cope	12	6
[mg. R(ichard) Cope**]		
Thomas Keynton	1	8
Thomas King, for sheep pens		3
John Demy	1	0

Sheep Street

Edward Weston	9	0
Thomas Banworth	8	0
John Trawnter	3	4
Roland Hewes	2	6
[mg. Mr Russell***]		
Robert Newale	6	0
Robert Bently	5	0
His waste	1	3
Richard Vivars	11	8
[mg. Sir William Cope]		
Edward Edones		4
William Knight	4	6
Mathew Weston's window		3
Mr Richard Cope	5	0
[mg. Court]		

[in different writing:]

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Houses built by Richard Draper upon the waste
in the New Land

[blank]

One in the tenure of Thomas Keartland;

stands in the house but boards and four

transoms, boards being 12 feet long

13 4

Widow Savill, rent

13 4

stands in [her 1.] the house three transoms

* Possibly these last two named had made themselves responsible for the rent. Isabel widow of John Helmedon had died in 1610.

** Probably a reference to the lease granted that Michaelmas.

*** Rowland Hewes was buried 21 January 1610/1 (Will, B.H.S. 13, no. 116). Robert Russell was one of his administrators.

[f.33] 3 January 1617[8].

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Mr Bentlye for Mistress Showell*	2	5	0	owing	3	14	2
Mr Russell	1	16	0		2	16	10
Mr Thomas Halhed senior	1	16	0	Thomas Halhed jun.	2	13	4
Mr Edons		18	0		1	10	0
Mr Nicholes		18	0		1	10	0
Mr Web		18	0		1	10	0
Mr Wyng		18	0		1	10	0
Mr Bently		18	0		1	10	0
Edward Wysdom		18	0		1	10	0
John Awsten		18	0	Mr Web	1	10	0
George Mosely		18	0	Mr Knight has it	1	10	0
Thomas Whately		9	0	Mr Edons	1	3	10
Mr Gill	1	7	0	Mr Mayor Russell	1	13	10
Mr Knight	1	16	0		2	4	9
Mr [Nicholas] Awsten, deceased		9	0	Mr Webb		16	11
Richard Vyvers		18	0		1	9	7
Bartholomew Nayler		18	0	Mr Russell	1	5	5
Edward Man		18	0		1	2	11
Mr Eton		9	0	Richard Vyvers	1	3	6
George Nicholes is paid		6	1	so remains due only to him		2	11
Mr Foster		9	0		1	9	10
				Sum Total	33	17	10

15 January 1620[1]. Paid to Mr Foster in full payment £1, when Mr Wysdome was Mayor.

6 January 1617[8]. Received by me, Thomas French, 18s.

[For a further list of payments, at the foot of this folio, see 1618-9]

[f.36] The account of Robert Bently, late Mayor, taken before the auditors Nicodemus Edens, Thomas Halhead and Epiphany Hill, 16 February 1617[8].

Received of Robert Bently, late Mayor	10	0	0
Paid back to him for his layings out	16	12	0
Received of William Knight, chamberlain	62	0	5
Payments laid forth by him	51	3	0
Delivered to us the remainder	4	15	7
Received of William Samon	4	4	4
Paid him back again	1	10	0
Received of Mr [Robert] Pargiter for his freedom	5	0	0
Received of James Standbourough, tanner, for the like	5	0	0
Received of Thomas Maiow, collarmaker, for the same	3	0	0
Received of Thomas Udall for bloodsheds	15	0	0
Received of Robert Kinge for bloodsheds, etc.	6	8	
Paid back again	1	0	

* Henry Showell was buried 3 June 1615.

1616-7

ROBERT BENTLEY

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[f.36]

	£	s	d
Received of William Maunder for bloodsheds and aff[rays]		3	0
Received of Robert Kintch, sergeant for estreats [£5 d.] and Mr Ockam's money	5	0	0
Paid him back again		2	6
Received of John Perryry, sergeant, for estreats	2	0	0
The whole sum the auditors received	22	7	10
Whereof paid back to the Corporation for their debt owing, 9s. in the pound; and paid for their supper	1	12	6
Remainder of the receipts given unto the poor at the same time		1	6
Received of William Maunder, Thomas Udall and Robert Kinge, constables	22	11	0
Whereof paid to William Maunder for his layings out and for the King's provision	15	2	0
Paid also to Mr Wynges for train soldiers and the King's provision	7	9	0
So that Mr John Wynges is fully satisfied.			
[The following memorandum is roughly crossed out:]			
Memorandum, that whereas it is written that Mr John Winge is fully satisfied, we find that there is due to him 15s.7d. unpaid.			
Which was paid 8 January 1620[1] as appeareth.			

1617-8

[f.35] 29 September 1617.

Robert Russell, Alderman, was chosen Mayor for the year following the first Monday in September last past, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Robert Bentley, John Gill, Thomas Foster, John Nicholes and others.

Auditors: Mr Edons; Mr Halhed, alderman; Epiphany Hill
 Bridgemasters: Mr Wing; Thomas Halhed, junior
 Constables: Thomas Udall; Robert Kyng; Mathew Bentley, all sworn
 Tithingmen: James West; John Scott; Richard Steward; John Russell;
 all sworn
 Tasters of victual: John Hall; Edward Williamson; Thomas Densye;
 Thomas Middleton
 Searchers and sealers of leather: George Pedlye; George Robins; both
 sworn
 Sergeants: John Perrin; Robert Kynch

[f.35v]

6 January 1617[8], being Tuesday, Mr William Knight being the Town Clerk, before the Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Chamberlyn, knight and our Recorder, and the Worshipful Mr Robert Russell, then Mayor, did leave his place of Town Clerkship unto the Mayor; and the Company is to chose some other whom they shall think fit.

And on 10 January 1617, a Hall of the Company being then called, there was chosen to be Town Clerk by most of the Company, according to

[f.35v] the Charter, Mr Edward Edenes. And then Mr Edward Edenes the same day did take the oath of obedience and his oath for the executing of his office before the Mayor, the whole Company being then present.

[f.36 - foot]

Remember to enquire concerning William Francklyn's will, what moneys shall arise to the town. William Allen and Robert Prue, executors.

[William Francklyn was buried 30 June 1618, and his will was proved 18 July 1618 in P.C.C. (P.R.O., PROB.11/132 [76 Meade], f.80). The relevant clause reads:

'And further if there be any of the goods left my will is that the one half be given unto the town of Banbury to be lent to honest men from year to year to employ in their occupations; the other half to be given to deprived ministers as the overseers shall see good.']

[f.37] The account of Robert Russell, Mayor, taken before Thomas Foster, John Winge, George Robbins, auditors chosen and appointed, 15 January 1618[9].

	£	s	d
Received of Robert Russell, Mayor	12	6	2
Laid out by him	19	17	2
Paid him back again	18	17	2
Paid him more		7	0
Due to him unpaid		13	0
Received of William Knight, Chamberlain	82	4	2
Paid him back for his layings out	78	4	1
Received of Mr Robert Russell, Mr John Winge and Mr Thomas Halhed the younger, bridgemasters	10	2	10
Laid out by them for the Bridge, the Bull and the North Bar Street	5	3	3
Remains in Mr Nicholls' hands, one of the Bridgemasters	4	9	7
Received of William Sammon for the wool beam	2	6	6
Paid him back again	1	2	6
Received of Thomas Udall, Robert Kinge and Mathew Bently, constables, for bloodsheds and affrays	1	7	8
Paid them back again for their layings forth	1	7	8
Received of John Dread, upon his bond		10	0
Received of John Perryn, sergeant, for estreats	1	4	0
Received of Robert Kinch, sergeant, for the like	1	3	4
Received of Mr Robert Bently, for the Company of Mercers		10	0
Received of Robert Kinch for Mr Ockham's money	1	6	8
[Mg. Rests in Mr Wing's hands for the poor and preacher		13	4]
Paid for their suppers at the account	2	10	0
The whole receipts by these auditors were paid back again as appears: there only remains due to Mr Robert Russell		13	0
And more to be levied of the town which is due to the House for charges laid out by Thomas Udall, Robert Kinge and Mathew Bently, constables, for the Muster Master and carrying of prisoners to Oxford		2	1
Mr Russell paid the 13s. at Mr Halhed's account.			0

[Auditors:] Thomas Foster, John Winge, George Robins.

[f.37] 22 February 1618[9].

This day it is agreed by the most part of the Company then present that Mr Robert Russell shall have 20 marks paid to him after the debts [are] paid which before his time are due to the Company or any others.

1618-9

[f.36v] 29 September 1618.

This day Thomas Halhead the younger, Alderman, being chosen Mayor for this year following, the first Monday in September last past, was sworn Mayor and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Robert Russell, Thomas Wheatlye, John Gill, Thomas Foster, John Nicholls and other aldermen and burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Foster; Mr John Winge; Henry Halhead.*
 Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Wheatly; Mr John Nicholls
 Constables: Organ Nicholls; Anthony Hall; William Allen; all sworn
 Tithingmen: William Potter; Andrew Ansely; Edward Beale; Thomas Reinoldes; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: Edward Williamson; [John Hall, d.] Edward Weston; Thomas Densye; Thomas Midlton; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Winge; Richard Newman [dead - added later**]; both sworn

[f.38] The account of Thomas Halhed the younger, Mayor, taken before Robert Russell, John Nicholls and Richard Vivars, auditors, 3 January 1619[20].

	£	s	d
[The first three lines have been deleted:			
Received of Mr Thomas Halhed junior, Mayor, for the Corporation (the sum has been altered)	10	7	6
Paid him back again	5	17	8
Rests due to him	(no entry)]		
Laid out by Mr Thomas Halhed, Mayor	16	14	0
Paid to Mr Thomas Halhead in full the same time the just sum of	16	14	0
Received of Mr Knight, Chamberlain	4	13	8
Received of Mr Bently for the Mercers' Company	10	0	0
Received for the Drapers' Copmany	5	0	0
Received of William Goodwin for bloodshed	5	0	0
Received of Mr John Winge for the making free corpor[ation?]	1	0	0
Received of John Perrin for his escheats	18	0	0
Received of William Samon for the Wool Hall	2	0	0
Received of Anthony Hall for bloodshed and fray	9	4	0
Received of William Alinn for frays	11	0	0
Received of William Potter for frays	3	4	0
[Mg. Of Richard Steward for a fray	3	4	0
Received of Edward Beal for bloodsheds and [frays d.]	13	4	0

* He does not appear to have acted, as George Robbins signs.

** Richard Newman, shoemaker, buried 25 February 1618/9.

[f.38]

Received for Mr Okne's money of Kinch	£	s	d
Received of Kinch for his estreats		13	4
Received of Robert Prue for the Smiths' Company	1	1	0
		6	8

The whole sum of our receipts [before Mr Halhed's d.]
comes to

13 14 0
[altered from] 13 12 8]

Payments

To Mr Halhed in full	2	10	0
Paid Mr Knight for Fardom's wages		10	0
Paid for John Wyse's coat		11	6
Paid Mr Mayor for the supper at our court	2	6	0
Paid for a cake and sack to Mr Crue's*		8	6
Paid to Mr Russell which was owing upon account		13	0
Laid out for wine		4	6

Remaining of this sum besides the payments	6	10	6
Paid more to Robert Kinge that he laid for the clerk of the market		3	0

Whereof paid to every one that there is money owing to, five shillings in the pound, which came to	6	0	0
Given to the bellman, John Wise		1	6
So remains		6	0

Which is delivered to Mr Knight, Chamberlain

[Auditors:] John Nicholles, Robert Russell, Richard Vivers.

[f.33 - this follows on from the list of Corporation debts under 1616-7]

28 February 1619[20]. It is concluded that there shall be paid to every man that has money owing to him, 5s. in the even pounds and nothing for the odd shillings.

	£	s	d		s	d
To Mistress [Mary] Shewell	1	5	0	To John Austen	5	0
To Mr Russell		10	0	To George Mosely	5	0
To Mr Thomas Halhed senior		10	0	To Mr Thomas Wheatly	5	0
To Edward Edens for his father**		5	0	To Mr Gill	5	0
To Mr John Nicholls		5	0	To Mr Knight	10	0
To Mr Webb		5	0	To Mr Vivars	5	0
To Mr Winge		5	0	To Bartholomew Nailer	5	0
To Mr Robert Bently		5	0	To Edward Man	5	0
To Mr Wisdome		5	0	To Mr [Edward] Eton	5	0
				To Mr Foster	5	0

* Thomas Crew (knighted, 1623/4) of Steane had been named an Assistant in the 1608 Charter.

** His father must have been Nicodemus Edens. His burial does not appear in the Banbury registers, nor is there any will, but in 1620-1 Edward Edens was paying the rent on his house.

1619-20

[f.37v] 29 September 1619.

This day Thomas Webb, Alderman, being chosen Mayor for this year following, the first Monday in September last past, was sworn Mayor and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Thomas Halhed junior, Thomas Wheatly, John Gill, Thomas Foster, John Nicholls, Thomas Halhed the elder, Robert Russell, John Winge and other aldermen and burgesses.

Auditors: Mr John Nicholls; Mr Robert Russell; Mr Richard Vivars

Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Wheatlye; Mr John Nicholls

Constables: Anthony Hall; William Allen; Thomas Winge; all sworn

Tithingmen: William Potter; Andrew Ansel; Edward Beale; Thomas Reinoldes; all sworn

Tasters of victual: Edward Williamson; Edward Weston; Richard Pope; William Walsoe; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Winge; Thomas Reinoldes; both sworn

A note of all the Companies within this Borough, and what they pay yearly for their orders:-

The Mercers' Company	10s.	The Glovers' Company	10s.
The Drapers' Company	5s.	The Smiths' Company	6s.8d.
The Bakers' Company	10s.	The Shoemakers' Company	6s.8d.

[f.40] The account of Thomas Webb, Mayor, taken 8 January 1620[1], before Thomas Wheatly, Robert Bently, George Robbins, mercer, auditors.

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Thomas Webb for the Corporation	10	0	0
Laid out by him	16	10	8
Of Mr William Knight, Chamberlain	78	9	11
More of Mr Knight, which he received of the Companies	2	8	4
More of Mr Knight	1	15	2
Of John Perryn, sergeant, for his estreats	1	10	0
Of Robert Kinch, sergeant, for his estreats	1	2	0
Of Robert Kinch, for Mr Ockam's money	1	6	8
Of John Newland for his freedom	3	13	4
Of James Pettiver in part of his freedom	1	10	0
Of William Perrin for his rent		6	8
Of John Scott, 1s.6d., and of Widow Saule, 2s.6d.		4	0
Of Thomas Wyng, constable, for affrays and bloodsheds		16	6
Of William Allen, William Potter, Edward Beale and Andrew Anseley for affrays and bloodsheds		16	1
By an assessment	8	3	8
For Richard Plumpton's rent	1	5	0
Of William Salmon for the wool beam	4	14	7
Of Edward Gulliver		1	6

[Sum] 118 5 4

[f.40]

Payments

£ s d

To Mr Webb	16	5	0
To Mr William Knight, Chamberlain	82	13	5
To Mr John Wyng, of old debt		15	7
To Thomas Wyng for the muster master for the last year		12	6
To the constables for the King's provision	5	1	8
To Andrew Ansely for the greencloth		1	4
To John Turton and William Allen		5	5
To Margaret Heines, back for her assessment		3	4
To Mr Thomas Wheately for carrying a soil		5	4
For our dinner	1	6	4
To George Robbins due to him, 1620		17	10
To William Salmon, back again	2	14	7
Back to Richard Williams		3	0
To Jonathan Naieler, for the armour		10	0
To Edward Edens for George Nicholls' debt in full		2	11
Rests due to him		4	0
To Mr Foster for money laid out for the Corporation	1	0	0
More in charges laid out by the constables	2	10	0
To Mr John Winge for Mr Ockame's money for the poor		13	4
	116	4	2

Remains: Paid at the same time to the Company 2s. in the pound to every one, as appears, so that there remains 6s.8d. in the hands of Mr Bently, which is to be delivered to Mr William Knight, Chamberlain.

[Auditors:] Thomas Whateley, Robert Bentley, George Robins

[f.33v] 15 January 1620[1].

		Paid to:		Rests due:		
		Mr Wysdome	2s.	1	3	0
Quit and paid	R.B.	Mistress Showell	4s.	2	15	2*
Mr Wm. Knight	R.B.	Mr Russell	4s.	2	2	10
by agreement						
	G.Ro.	Mr Thomas Halhed the elder	4s.	1	19	4
	Ed.Ed.	Nicodemus Edens	2s.	1	3	0
		Mr Nicholls	2s.	1	3	0
		Mr Webb	2s.	1	3	0
		Mr Wyng	2s.	1	3	0
		Mr Bently	2s.	1	3	0
		Due to George Mosely		1	5	0
		Mr Wheately	2s.		16	0
	Ro.B.	Mr Gill	2s.	1	6	10
	Jo.Wyng	Mr Knight	2s.	1	12	9
		Due unto Mr Austen deceased			16	11
	R.B.	Mr Vivars	2s.	1	2	0
	Jo.Nailer	Bartholomew Nailor	2s.		18	0
	Jo.Wyng	Edward Man	1s.11d.		16	0
	Ge.Robb.	Mistress Eaton	2s.		16	6

* In her will, dated 15 October 1621 (B.H.S. 14, no.244), Mary Showell gave 'unto the poor the money that it is owing to me by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of this Borough'.

1620-1

[f.39] 29 September 1620.

This day Edward Wysdome, Alderman, being chosen Mayor the first Monday in September last past, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Thomas Webb, Thomas Wheately, John Gill, John Nicholls, Robert Russell, John Wyng, Robert Bently, Thomas Halhead* and other aldermen and burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Wheately; Mr Robert Bentlye; Mr George Robbins
 Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Wheately; Mr Henry Halhead
 Constables: [Mr - d.] Thomas Wyng; [Robert Pargiter, d.]; John Turton; Thomas Reinoldes; all sworn
 Tithingmen: [Robert Pargiter, d.]; Simon Unitt; John Wheately; George Robbins, shoemaker; John West [deleted but re-inserted]; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: Edward Williamson, sworn; Edward Weston, sworn; [Thomas Helmendon, d.]; Richard Noreman; Tho. [blank]
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Edward Beale; Thomas Pedley; both sworn
 Sergeants: John Perryn; Robert Kinch; both sworn

[f.42] The account of Edward Wysedome, late Mayor, taken 26 December 1621, before Mr Thomas Webb, John Austen and Edmund Smalbone, auditors, the day and year abovesaid.

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Edward Wysedome for the Incorporation	5	0	0
More of him for the Wool beam	4	7	8
In money and felons' goods	6	5	6
Of Mr Knight, Chamberlain	55	14	4
Of John Turton and the rest of the constables for affrays and bloodsheds	1	16	8
Of John Perryn for his estreats		11	8
Of Robert Kinch for his estreats		14	0
More of Robert Kinch for Mr Ockam's money		13	4
Of the constables by an assessment	12	5	3
Of Mr Tailor and Edward Edens for rent for Mr Nicodemus Edens' house due at Michaelmas last		9	0
Of William Longe for charges upon a bond of John Long's		7	0
Of George Robbins for the Mercers' Company		10	0
Of Mr Thomas Halhead for the Drapers' Company		5	0
Of James Pettipher in full for his freedom	1	10	0
Of Widow Saule for part of her rent, being 17s.2d. due at Michaelmas		2	0
Sum is	90	11	5

Payments

To Mr Edward Wysedome for his layings forth to Mr William Wheately and for all other accounts	21	9	2
To Mr William Knight, Chamberlain, for his layings forth	53	17	8

* His uncle, Thomas Halhed the elder had been buried 21 August 1620.

[f.42]

	£	s	d
To John Turton for his layings forth	7	5	2
To Thomas Wynge for his layings forth	2	2	0
To John Wheately for a horse hire		1	6
For our dinner	1	4	8
To Mr Robert Bently for the poor's money received of Mr Knight for one year's rent for the Teinter Close*	2	10	0
To Jo[nathan] Nailor for dressing the town armour, which is delivered to Mr Knight to be disposed towards the placing [of] Hartlett, old Nailor's apprentice	1	0	0
To Mr Webb remaining unpaid for New Year's gifts, etc.		5	0
Sum	89	15	2

There remains 16s., whereof paid to Mr Richard Vivers, Mayor, remains of old 10s. and paid to Mr Knight 6s., being the residue.

Memorandum. That there was paid by Mr Thomas Wheately, last bridgemaster, to Mr John Wynge and Henry Halhead, now bridgemasters

1 3 3

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, John Awsten, Edmund Smalbonn.

Memorandum. That after this account [Mr Wysdome, d.] there was a bill of charges forgotten for the woman prisoner, which comes to £4.10s.7d. which is due to Mr Edward Wysdome.

Thomas Webb, John Austen.

[Mg. 11 January 1622(/3). Paid in full at the next account

4 0 0]

[f.42v] 23 March 1621[/2].

A particular of all such charges that Mr Edward Wysdome laid forth in a suit brought against him by Thomas Pilkenton for wrong imprisonment, for which the most part of the Company at a Hall held have promised repayment.

Laid forth for charges in law which Mr William Sprigge received of him, as appears by his bill	6	13	11
Paid Mr Edens for his charges when he went to London with the Charter, and for his horse hire	1	12	6
For his charges and the witnesses' that went with him to the Assizes at Oxford, as appears by several bills	3	4	9
For councillor's fees there, which is set down in Mr Sprigge's bill	[1	0	0]
[sum smudged and apparently deleted]			
To the Sheriff upon the execution at the suit of Thomas Pilkinton	9	14	0
	[Mg.	11	11
		21	8
			2
			0]

* See Town Rents, 1616-7.

1621-2

[f.41] 29 September 1621.

This day Richard Vivars, Alderman, being chosen Mayor the first Monday in September last past, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Edward Wysdome, last Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Gill, John Nicholls, Robert Russell, John Wynge, Thomas Halhead, Henry Halhead, Epiphany Hill, George Robbins, Edward Mann, Hugh Sherwood and Edmund Smalbone.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Webb; Mr John Austen; Mr Edmund Smalbone

Bridgemasters: Mr John Wynge; Mr Henry Halhead

Constables: Mathew Bently; John Turton; John Scott; all sworn

Tithingmen: John Wheately; Simon Unitt; Ralph Drope; Nicholas Berry; all sworn

Tasters of victual: Edward Weston; John Wamsely junior; Richard Pope; Thomas Middleton; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Pedlye; Henry Evans; both sworn

Sergeants: [no names entered]

[f.1]

[Mg. on left:] 8 January 1621[2], entered by Robert Lovell, Thomas Huckell and Thomas White, when Mr Richard Vivers was Mayor and Edward Edens Town Clerk.

The tenants of the Manor of Bloxham, Oxon., free by a charter dated 13 May 1565, renewed by a charter dated 15 February 3 and 39 James [1606/7].

[Mg. on right:] From toll, pasturage of pigs, repair of walls and transport dues of goods or of their retention.

[f.206 - for earlier leases on the facing folio see 1602-3]

Mr Taylor's lease, dated 5 September 20 James, 1622, for his court lying before his house in St. John's Street, to have for 60 years from the feast of the Annunciation last past: rent, 10s. per annum. Box letter D.

Anthony Mister's lease of 4 acres of church land, dated 2 September 20 James, 1622, to have from the Annunciation of our Lady last past for 12 years. Letter D.

Mr William Whately for the Leather Hall, lease dated 20 September 1620, to have for four years from 25 March 1622. For 4 years. Letter D.

John Russell for the Leather Hall, dated 31 October 1622, to have from 25 March 1626 for 5 years. [in different handwriting]

[f. 43v] 3 January 1623[4].

Memorandum. This day Mr Richard Vivers, late Mayor, brought in his 'quietus est' to the auditors, and has taken it into his own custody.

[f.44] The account of Richard Vivers, late Mayor, taken 15 January 1623[4], before Mr Robert Russell, Thomas Halhead and Hugh Sherwood, auditors.

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Richard Vivers for the Incorporation	5	0	0
Of him for the Wool Beam	3	9	0
For bloodsheds and affrays		18	0
For John Heins' freedom	1	0	0
Of Mr Knight, Chamberlain	30	18	2
Of Robert King for his estreats		12	0
Of Margaret Heins for her husband's freedom		10	0
More for affrays and bloodsheds		9	10
Of the Company of Glovers		10	0
Of Walter Wells in part for his freedom	1	10	0
Of Robert Kinch for Mr Ockom's money	1	6	8
Of the Mercers' Company		10	0
Of Mr Knight for the Smiths', Bakers' and Shoemakers' Companies	1	3	4
Of John Perryn for his estreats	1	10	0
For the Drapers' Company of Mr Thomas Halhead		5	0
Of Thomas Reinolds for affray		2	6
Of the Bridgemasters	£5.10s.9d.		
Their layings forth comes to	£5.17s.5d.		
Due to them		6	8

Payments

To Mr William Wheately for rent due at the Feast of the Annunciation last, for the Leather Hall	14	0	
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Payments [sic - repeated]

Mr Richard Vivers for his layings forth	21	0	7
[the shillings number is smudged, and might read '8']			
Mr Knight, Chamberlain, for his layings forth	32	1	6
So Mr Knight is fully satisfied upon his accounts; only remains due to him		3	7
To Mr Robert Russell, for the poor when Mr Vivers was Mayor, per John West		6	8
[Mg. Paid per Mr Vivers to Mr Robert Russell for the poor Memorandum. There remains due to Mr Richard Vivers for his layings forth	12	7]	
Whereof there is to be paid him by every one of the Company 2s. a-piece, except Henry Halhead and Hugh Sherwood 1s.6d. a-piece: which sum comes to	10	13	0
To Mr Richard Vivers at the same time per Charles Dadson	1	15	0
So in the whole there remains due from this House to Mr Richard Vivers	1	10	0
Paid more to Mr Richard Vivers at the same time	7	8	0
[Mg. Paid at the next account to Mr Vivers	1	0	0]
To Mr John Austen now Mayor for the supper at the account For wine at the same time	1	15	3]
To Mr Edward Wyshedome for his old debt upon the last account in full	3	0	0
	2	8	
	4	0	0

[f.44]

To William Hall for warning the watch and ward
For wine, cakes and fire

£	s	d
	3	4
	2	7

[Auditors:] Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed, Hugh Sherwood.

1622-3

[f.43] 29 September 1622.

This day John Austen, Alderman, being chosen Mayor the first Monday of this month of September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Richard Vivers, last Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Gill, John Nicholls, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, John Wynge, Edward Wyshedome, Thomas Halhead, George Robbins, mercer, Edward Mann, Hugh Sherwood and Mathew Alsopp.

Auditors: Robert Russell; Thomas Halheade; [Henry Halhead, d.];
Hugh Sherwood

Bridgemasters: John Wynge; Henry Halheade

Constables: Thomas Reynolds; Edward Beale; Simon Unitt; William
Potter; all sworn

Tithingmen: George Robbins, shoemaker; Ralph Drope; Nicholas Berry;
Nathaniel Wheately; William Longe; all sworn [except
the last named, probably omitted by mistake]

Tasters of victual: John Wamesely, junior; Thomas French; Richard
Pope; John Wilkins; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Wattes; Francis Weston; both
sworn

[P.R.O. State Papers (Domestic) 14/139, f.4]

[Addressed to the Council]

Right Honourable,

Having received your directions for reforming of ale-houses, we have endeavoured so to do and have suppressed the third part of those we had allowed and restrained making of Malt of the wealthier sort altogether, and limited poor men to a lesser quantity. We thought it likewise our duties to certify your honours that our markets are supplied with Wheat, Rye, Barley, Malt, Peas, and Oats plentifully, as is to be wished. Prices: Wheat, 6s.; Barley, 3s.8d.; Beans, 2s.4d.; Peas, 2s.; Oats, 1s.5d.; Malt, 4s. So we humbly take our leaves and rest your honours in all duty to be commanded.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury.

Banbury, 1st March 1622[/3]

[Note. There are no accounts for John Austen's mayoralty, nor is there the usual record of mayoral election on 29 September 1623 and list of Corporation officers. Very possibly a complete folio, bearing these on either side, has at some time come loose and been lost.]

1623-4

[Book of Accounts, f.46]

The account of Thomas Wheatley, late Mayor, taken 5 January 1624[5], before Thomas Webb, John Wynge and Mathew Alsopp, auditors.

	£	s	d
Charges which Mr Thomas Wheatley laid forth for the House	12	0	0
Whereof paid him by affrays and bloodsheds	1	5	0
Paid him more by the fee farm which he should bring in	5	0	0
Paid him more per the wool beam	3	0	0
So there remains due to Mr Thomas Wheatley from the House	2	15	0
More owing to Mr Thomas Wheatley which he laid forth for the House	30	7	0
[Mg. The whole sum due to Mr Thomas Wheatley from the town	29	6	0
Due to him from the House	2	11	0]
Paid him by Mathew Dudly for an affray [i.]		3	4
Whereof paid him	1	1	0
[Paid him more which was due for the Crown Pool bank d.	10	0]	
[As can be gathered the above few entries are more than a little confused, but this appears to be their order.]			
Received of Robert Kinch for estreats	3	14	2
For which there is a bill from John Becke of Bloxham for £1.14s. made to Mr John Nicholls for the Company's use, and one bill from Robert Kinch to Mr Robert Russell for the Company's use for 18s., out of which there must be paid to the poor for Mr Ockom's money	13	4	
Received of Thomas Perryn* for his estreats	18	8	
More of him for Mr Ockom's money	13	4	
Of Mr Wysedome's and George Robbins' accounts, bridgemasters	2	6	0
which remains in their hands in stock			
The constables' account per Andrew Ansely, the receipts for the assessment made for his Majesty's provision and other expenses	14	2	8
There remains ungathered of the same assessment	3	18	11
He received more for butter, beans and poultry, and of Mr Hudson for malt money before due	2	4	3
More for bloodsheds and affrays	14	8	
Laid forth for provision for his Majesty and in the behalf of the town	10	18	7
So there remained in Andrew Anselye's hands [unaccounted for, d.], which he refuses to pay	6	3	0
[Mg. This is posted to the (next?) year's account.]			

* John Perrin, the former sergeant, was buried 8 January 1623/4.

[f.46]

Mr William Knight's account, Chamberlain			
His receipts come to	47	17	8
Layings forth come to	53	0	4
Owing to him	5	2	8
Of which sum the House is to pay to Mr Knight	2	10	8
Mr Knight is to receive all the pension money due at Lady Day, 1625	5	4	0
He is to pay the poor forth of the same, unto the same Lady Day			
Mr Knight is to pay to the House of the remainder of the pension money which he shall receive at the said Lady Day	3	3	4
[signed] William Knight			
Of Edward Edens for his rent behind for his pales		1	0
[Remains of the goods of Richard Lane for a distress taken by Thomas Perryn, one kettle d.]			
The money received per the auditors at their account	2	13	0
Whereof paid Mr Wynge, Andrewes, and other expenses		11	0
So there remains in money 42s. which they paid to Mr William Wheately for all dues for Midsummer last for his lecture	2	2	0
[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, John Wing, Mathew Allsope.			
[Mg.] Money owing from the Drapers' Company		5	0
From the Mercers'		10	0
From the Glovers'		10	0
From the Smiths'		6	8
[d. From Widow Gulliver for half year's rent Of Mr Knight, this 10s.]		10	0

1624-5

[f.45] 29 September 1624.

This day John Nicholls, Alderman, chosen Mayor upon the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Thomas Wheately, last Mayor, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, John Wynge, [Edward Wysdome, d.], Robert Bently, Edward Wysdome, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, Edward Mann, Hugh Sherwood, Edmund Smalbone, and Mathew Alsopp.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Webb; Mr John Wynge; Mathew Alsopp
 Bridgemasters: Mr Edward Wysdome; George Robbins
 Constables: Andrew Ansely; John Wheately; Nathaniel Wheately; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Francis Andrews; Mathew Dudley; Edward Russell; Aholiab West; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: Richard Harvy; Francis Vowe [John Newland, d.]; [Edward Wauford, d.]; Edward Beast
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Anthony Cooper; William Hartlett; both sworn.

[f.48] The account of John Nicholls, late Mayor, taken 2 January 1625[6], before Robert Bently, Edward Wysdome and Henry Halhead, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr John Nicholls' receipts	18	12	7
Received more for bloodsheds		19	0
Layings forth	15	10	9
Whereof for the Wool Beam	2	18	0
More for the Incorporation	5	0	0
From one Becke; which was put over for Robert Kinch	1	12	0
Of the goods of one Edward Higgins for stolen sheep	2	3	2
Of the goods of Thomas Singer		3	4
Of the goods of Thomas Jarvis	1	12	3
[figure of pence uncertain]			
The rest of his receipts makes the just sum of his former receipts. So there rests due to Mr John Nicholls of his account			9
Mr William Knight's receipts, being Chamberlain	26	2	8
His layings forth come to	21	16	7
Rests due to us	4	6	1
Memorandum that the account received for the pension from him was reckoned but until Michaelmas last past.			
Received of Thomas Perryn for Mr Ockham's money	1	6	8
Of Thomas Perryn for his estreats		15	0
Of Thomas Huckells for his estreats		18	0
The account of Edward Wysdome and George Robbins, late Bridgemasters.			
Their receipts come to	10	12	3
Payments	8	11	5
The rest which is delivered to Mr Thomas Halhead[s] and William Allen's hands, now auditors for the Bridge	2	0	8
Of Andrew Ansely and Nathaniel Wheately, constables	2	4	0
Whereof paid to John Wheately, constable	1	0	0
[Mg. on right	9	9	8]
Paid to Edward Russell		3	0
Paid to Mr John Nicholls			9
Paid to Thomas Huckell for his charges going for prisoners	1	0	0
Paid to John Turton, Thomas White and John West about the prisoners and mending the Hall		13	0
Paid to Edward Edens for Mr Langston, late Undersheriff, for forbearing a distress of £13.13s. or thereabouts which he had against the town for arrears of rent		10	0
[Mg. This was done in Mr Wheately's time.			
Witness, Mr John Nicholls]			
Paid for charges for wine, cakes and fire at this account		6	6
[Mg. January 21] Paid this day to Mr William Wheately which was owing as appears by the last account	2	6	6
More to him, due from the Company at Midsummer last	1	0	0
More to him at St. Thomas last to make up the Company's £5	1	1	10
Paid to the Overseers for Mr Ockham's money		13	4
[Mg. Remained in Mr Bently's hand, being auditor		13	9]

1625-6

[f.47] 29 September 1625.

This day Robert Russell, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following upon the first Monday of this month, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of John Nicholls, last Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Gill, Thomas Webb, John Wynges, Robert Bently, Edward Wysdome, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, Epiphany Hill, Henry Halhead, George Robbins, Edward Mann, Edmund Smalbone and William Allenn.

Auditors: Robert Bently; Edward Wysdome; Henry Halhead
 Bridgemasters: Thomas Halhead; William Allen
 Constables: George Robbins, shoemaker; Ralph Drope; Edward Russell; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Aholiab West; John Webb; George Phillips; William Andrews; all sworn
 Tasters: Richard Harvy; Robert Lamprey; William Walsoll; Thomas Middleton; all sworn
 Searchers: Francis Weston; William Hartlett; both sworn

[f.50] The account of Mr Robert Russell, late Mayor, taken 29 December 1626, before Richard Vivers, John Austen and William Allenn, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Robert Russell, late Mayor, his receipts come to	13	5	10
Mr Knight, Chamberlain's, receipts	25	8	0
Received for the wool beam	3	12	8
Of John Kinge, for his freedom	2	0	0
Of the sergeants, for their estreats, and bloodsheds	1	10	4
For Mr Ockam's money, of the sergeants	1	6	8
Of Mr Robert Russell, in money	2	16	7
Edward Russell, his receipts as constable	17	2	0
More upon the estreats		15	6
Sum total	67	13	10

Payments

Mr Robert Russell's layings forth	16	11	11
Mr Knight's layings forth	21	4	9
Edward Russell, constable's, layings forth	16	16	10
Rests in his hands 6s.2d., which he is to pay to Ralph Drope, constable			
[sum]	54	12	6
More laid forth:			
To William Allenn, for Mr Wheately's lecture, which was due to Mr Wheately from the Company at Midsummer and at St. Thomas' last past	3	0	0
More to William Allenn, collector for Mr Ockam's money	13	4	
[Mg. Memorandum that there is £1 due which was collected by Hugh Sherwood]			
Paid Mr John Austen to deliver to Mr William Wheately for what is wanting of Mr Knight's collection for St. Thomas' Day and Midsummer last before this St. Thomas' Day	2	0	0
To Mr Robert Russell, late Mayor, for a supper	2	10	0

[f.50]

£ s d

Memorandum. Owing from Widow Gulliver for her rent due at Michaelmas last, for which she has engaged a sesterne to their use if she does not redeem it by Lady Day next

2 0 0

Memorandum. Owing to the Company from the town which Mr Knight paid forth of the Chamber for carriage of arms to Oxford and for traine soldiers' charges, etc.

1 19 6

Of Richard Bowers towards his freedom

2 0 0

Which was presently paid to Mr Robert Bently, now Mayor, for a supper

To Mr Robert Bently, now Mayor, for Mr Ockam's money

[towards that supper, d.] in full payment for the account supper, for my Lord Say and for wine

13 4

[Auditors:] Richard Vivers, John Awsten, William Allen.

[f.33v - this follows on from the list of Corporation debts, 1619-20.]

19 January 1626[/7].

s d

Paid at the account of Mr Robert Russell,
late Mayor

10 0 rests due 1 15 0

Paid to Mr Thomas Halhead

5 0 rests due 1 14 4

Paid to Edward Edens for his father

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Mr John Nicholls

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Mr Webb

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Mr Robert Bently, Mayor

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Mr John Austen

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Mr Gill

5 0 rests due 1 1 10

Paid to Mr John Wynge

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid Mr Knight

[sum d.]

5 0 rests due 1 7 0

[Mg. to right: Quit and paid by agreement.]

Paid to Mr Vivers

5 0 rests due 17 0

Paid to Mr Wysdome

5 0 rests due 18 0

Paid to Bartholomew Nalere

1 8 rests due 16 4

Paid Mistress Eatone

1 8 rests due 14 10

Paid Edward Man

1 8 rests due 14 4

Paid Mistress Austen

1 8 rests due 15 3

1626-7

[f.49] 29 September 1626.

This day Robert Bentley, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following upon the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy, in the presence of Robert Russell, late Mayor, Thomas Wheatley, John Gill, John Nicholls, Thomas Webb, John Wyng, Edward Wysdome, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, John Austen and Epiphany Hill, aldermen, Henry Halhead, George Robbins, Edward Mann, Edmund Smalbone, Mathew Alsopp and William Allenn.

Auditors: Richard Vivers; John Austen; William Allenn

Bridgemasters: Thomas Halhead; William Allenn

Constables: Ralph Drope; Francis Andrews; Aholiab West; all sworn

Tithingmen: John Webb; William Andrews; George Phillips; William Hawkins; all sworn

Tasters: Edward Weston; John Wamsely, junior; Richard Pope; Nicholas Vickers; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Francis Weston; Anthony Cooper; both sworn

Sergeants: Thomas Perryn; Thomas Huckell; both sworn.

[f.1- for earlier entries on this folio, see 1563-4 and 1621-2.]

24 May 1627.

Sir Baptist Hicks, knight and baronet, citizen and freeman of London, of the company of mercers, entered his charter of privilege, being free from all toll, etc., throughout the realm of England and all the King's dominions.

[Mg. This certificate was made in the time of Sir Alan Cotton, knight, Lord Mayor of London, dated under the seal of their office, 1 August in this year.]

[f.52] The account of Robert Bently, late Mayor, taken 21 March 1627[8], before Mr John Nicholls, Mr Thomas Webb and Mr Edward Mann, auditors.

Mr Robert Bently, late Mayor, his receipts come to	10	9	10
Payments come to	16	10	7
More laid forth by him for painting the Hall		17	0
Due to him	7	7	3
Whereof is to be deducted for Mr [Ocham's, d.] Hutchins' money, which he deducted out of Kinch's wages	2	0	0
More to be deducted, which he received from Richard Bowers	2	0	0
Mr William Knight's receipts	26	0	2
His payments	28	19	1
Due to him	2	18	10
Francis Andrewes, constable, his receipts	3	17	2
His layings out	6	0	5
Due to him	2	3	3
Whereof he has received from Ralph Drope, in part		15	0
[Mg. Paid to Francis Andrews, by John Webb, constable	1	8	3]

[f.52]

	£	s	d
Received of Thomas Perryn for the use of Mr Ockham's money	1	6	8
Whereof paid to the Overseers of the poor		13	4
Of Thomas Perryn for his estreats in money	2	3	2
More by a distress from Thomas White, a millstone and a dapnet		4	6
To Robert Kinch for warning the watch		3	4
Of Thomas Huckell's estreats		8	10
Paid him for layings forth, going to Oxford with Greene, one pair of irons and other things		9	1
Rests in the hands of Thomas Webb in money	1	11	10
Paid by Mr Webb to William Wheately towards his lecture as appears by his acquaintance	2	0	0
The account of Aholiab West, constable			
Receipts	2	17	11
For a breach of the peace		3	4
Payments	5	1	9
Rests due to him	2	0	6
Which £2.0s.6d. was paid him at the next account following.			

1627-8

[f.51] 29 September 1627.

This day Mr Epiphany Hill, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following upon the first Monday of September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy, in the presence of Mr Robert Bently, late Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Gill, John Nicholls, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Edward Wyshedome, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, John Austen and Henry Halhead, aldermen; George Robbins, Edward Mann, Mathew Alsopp and Francis Andrews, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr John Nicholls; Mr Thomas Webb; Edward Mann
 Bridgemasters: Mr Richard Vivers; [Mr Mathew Alsopp, d.]; Francis Andrews
 Constables: [Nathaniel Wheatly, d.]; Aholiab West; John Webb; George Phillips; all sworn
 Tithingmen: William Hawkins; John Terry; Edward Weston; Henry Richardes; all sworn
 Tasters: Richard Harvey; Francis Vowe; Thomas Midelton; Edward Wauford; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: John Smith; Anthony Cooper; both sworn
 Sergeants: [no entries]

31 December 1627. Memorandum. This day Widow Dixe and John Izard had warning by the Mayor and Company to put in one surety for [John Dixe and, d.] [blank] Ireland, deceased, surety bound for John Dixe for performance of covenants, etc.

The same day William Graves had warning to put in surety for Wilsheire.

[f.1 - for earlier entries on this folio, see 1563-4, 1621-2 and 1626-7]
22 May 1628.

William Ball of Pebworth, Glos., clerk, entered for Mrs Bennett of Broad Marston, Glos.

The manor of Ebrington, Glos., and the villages of Pebworth and Marston aforesaid, free for custom, etc., by charter granted from Edward III to John, Duke of Aquitaine, Duke of Lancaster, Blanche his wife and their heirs.

2 July 1628.

The manor of Helmdon, Northants., part of the Duchy of Lancaster, free from all dues throughout the whole realm except in towns and places of the Duchy. This was entered by and for Samuel Knight of Bifield, Northants., yeoman, one of the tenants, given under the hand and seal of Thomas Rushall of Weddonbecke [Weedon Bec], Northants., deputy bailiff and feodary of the liberties and franchises of the Duchy of Lancaster, parcel of the honour of Leicester, dated 8 January 3 Charles [1628/9].

[The following printed appeal was issued after the great fire of Banbury which occurred on 2 March 1627/8, and this modernised version is based on a poor photocopy in the **Bodleian Library** (ref.GA Oxon c317/16) The photocopy was made by C.W. Hurst in 1934 from a then just-discovered original copy, whose whereabouts are now unknown. The only copy which is now known is in the Folger Library in the United States.

The appeal is headed by a circular badge enclosing a shield bearing the Borough arms (according to Beesley, p.233, quoting Browne Willis, blazoned Azure the Sun in glory Or), headed by the name of the town, and encircled by the motto 'Deus est nobis sol et scutum'.]

To our well-beloved friends, to whom this present Writing shall come, We the Mayor, Justices, Minister, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxon., wish all welfare and happiness.

Our grievous loss, we presume, has sufficiently been witnessed by too true report, which emboldens us to seek to you, as feeling members, for relief. The King's mercy in granting Letters Patents, has been so many ways abused, that in the general (we know) it hath much dulled the edge of men's liberality, especially to places remote. Might we have been permitted therefore, our Letters only should have made relation of our lamentable condition, and petitioned your supplies; but seeing the road way is the safest and most usual in these evil events, we make bold to send both together. A fearful fire of late raging amongst us, has consumed so much, that, unless to spectators, it may seem incredible; but if our honest credits may be a sufficient testimony, we assure you all the particulars in his Highness' Letters Patents mentioned, and in the Briefs thereof, are true; and the losses (though therein rated at Twenty Thousand pounds) are rather far under, than one whit over-valued. The number of our poor was great before, but is now increased, and the substance of those that did relieve them, by this accident is much diminished. We doubt not therefore, but in this extremity you will extend your charity, promising our Prayers, to entreat Him that can give and take at His pleasure, to bless you with such continual safety and prosperity, that you may be always so happy, as to give rather than to receive. And thus presenting the sighs, groans, and tears of all these miserable afflicted Christians, (now left harbourless and succourless) to your charitable considerations. We humbly take leave, with such respects as every of your places and qualities require. Resting,

From our distressed Town of Banbury,
July, 1628.

Your loving friends
and well-wishers,

Epiphany Hill, Mayor
William Whately, Minister
William Knight, Justice of the Peace

John Gill Justices of the Peace
Thomas Whately and
John Nichols Aldermen.

Aldermen: Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhed, Richard Vivers, Edward Wisdome, John Austen, Henry Halhed, George Robbins.

Capital Burgesses: Edward Man, Edmund Smalbone, Mathew Alsop, William Allen, Francis Andrew, John Turton.

To all Ministers, and other our loving friends and well-wishers.

We the neighbour bordering Ministers of Banbury, whose names are subscribed, having seen and viewed the lamentable ruins thereof; and being verily persuaded of the truth of this Certificate, in each particular, earnestly desire your Christian forwardness and furtherance, towards the relief of these poor distressed Inhabitants.

John Dod, Robert Cleaver, William Wood, James Walbancke, Roger Mathew, Thomas Lodge, Ralph Taylor.

This is Printed by a Letter, to which they have subscribed their own hands.

[The following document survives in the **City of Coventry Record Office**, Accession 263.]

[f.1] The names of the persons of Banbury to be relieved by the gift of Coventry, 23 October 1628.

Abraham Gaskin	£1	0	0	[f.1v] Giles Lovell	6	8
Richard Rainsford, senr.	10	0		William Lucas	10	0
Foulk Blincoe	10	0		William Mole	5	0
William Boss, glover	10	0		Widow Needles	5	0
Collet Baker, widow	6	8		Widow Neale	3	4
Thomas Bull, Calthorpe	13	4		Widow Plumbe	10	0
Joan Crofts, widow	1	0	0	Thomas Pedley	6	8
Widow Crowder		5	0	Widow Perkins	10	0
Anthony Daunt	10	0		Widow Parish	3	4
Edward Williamson, senr.	10	0		Richard Rogers	10	0
Bridget Windlesse, widow	10	0		William Reasing	6	8
Widow Dorrell	10	0		William Shaw	2	6
William Luckett, shoemaker	6	8		Widow Bree	3	4
John Easy	5	0		Widow Smyth	3	4
Humfry Walker	6	8		Giles Tomms	6	8
Roger Davyes	5	0		Francis Vow	5	0
Widow Gullyver, senr.	6	8		Widow Vicars	3	4
Widow Gullyver, junr.	6	8		Edward Weston	8	8
John King	1	0	0	Widow White	1	0
Henry Holled	1	0	0	John Wise, mason	1	0
Widow Hatton	5	0		Simon Wise	5	0
Widow Harris	5	0		Mary Wilkins, widow	10	0
William Huntleye	5	0		John Walmesley, junr.	5	0
Robert Lamprey	10	0		Widow Ward	10	0
				Frances Weston	10	0
				Widow Goudby	6	8
				Widow Densie	6	8

[f.2]

[blank] Baker, weaver

Jerom Abram

Widow Evans

Eleanor Pitts

Widow Rastell

Anne Bennet

Ralph Lawrence

Old Wilkins

Old Grastringham

Widow Winge, senr.

Widow Winge, junr.

Gabriel Gubbin

John Bonner

Robert Hall

6 8

10 0

6 8

6 8

3 4

3 4

5 0

3 4

3 4

3 4

3 4

2 0

3 4

1 0

This 23 October 1628 Mr John

Clarke of the City of Coventry,

mercier, and Humfrey Burton of

the same City brought Forty

Marks in money to be distribu-

ted amongst the poor of Banbury,

which Forty Marks was then dis-

posed of to the several persons

above mentioned, and also

amongst divers other poor

people in Banbury aforesaid.

In testimony whereof We have

hereunto put our hands the day

and year aforesaid.

Thomas Halhed, Mayor

William Whately, Vicar

William Allen

£24 2 10 bestowed as abovesaid

2 10 6 given by hand

[f.2v]

Distributed thus as appeareth by this account

To 5 persons £1 apiece

To 1 " 1 mark

To 17 " Angels

To 15 " Nobles

To 12 " Crowns

To 12 " ten groats

To 1 " half a crown

To 1 " two shillings

To 1 " one shilling

65 persons thus relieved, the residue
distributed by

2s a piece, 12d, 6d and 4d a piece

Banbury.

[Book of Accounts, f. 54]

The account of Epiphany Hill, late Mayor, taken 21 February 1628[9],
before Mr Robert Russell, Mr John Austen and Mr John Turton, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Epiphany Hill's receipts:			
For piccage and tollage	5	0	0
The wool beam	2	1	4
Felons' goods, horses, bridles, saddles and swords	4	15	0
Palmer's 'clock' [i.e., cloak] and apparel	1	0	0
Harper's pistol		4	0
Bloodsheds, swearing and other disorders	1	11	6
Sum	14	11	10
Mr Hill's payments:			
For sessions dinner, supper and breakfast	3	18	0
A supper at eating Mr Watson's buck	3	0	0
A New Year's gift to Sir Thomas Crewe	2	0	0
Robert Kinch's wages and coat	3	8	0
Charges for maimed soldiers, sending about the prisoners, the Sheriff's fee and going to the assizes	2	4	4
Sum total	14	10	4
Mr William Knight's receipts	23	12	10
His payments	25	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
[Rests due to him d.	1	7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Aholiab West's, constable's, receipts	2	2	7
Payments	3	0	7
Rests due to him		18	0
Which 18s. was paid to him by the next auditors			
Out of which there is due for affrays and bloodsheds from the town to the Company	1	3	3
Thomas Perryn's estreats besides abatements		10	0
From Thomas Perryn for Mr Ockham's money	1	6	8
Whereof 13s. 4d. was delivered to John Webb for the poor, and to Mr Vicar, 3s. 4d., and towards a supper, 10s.			
For cakes, wine and fire		3	4
Thomas Huckell's estreats besides abatements	1	10	0
There remain: one bible of Timothy Sherwood's for		3	4
one platter of John Goodin's		1	0
one psalter of Edward Langham's for		1	0
one chopping knife of William Andrews' for		1	0
Which are in the chest in the Hall.			
Paid to Robert Kinch for warning the watch		3	4
To Kinch for warning the watch when the soldiers were billeted		3	4
Whereof there was due for a bloodshed to the Company from the town		3	4

[f.54]

George Phillips, constable
 In wine and cakes and fire
 His receipts
 His payments
 Due to him

[sum d.]

£	s	d
		4 0
1	7	4
2	3	10
1	4	6

Which was paid to him by the next auditors

The account being perfected, there is in Mr Austen's hand

Whereof to Mr Knight

So that there remains

Which is delivered to the next auditors

1	10	0
1	7	8
	2	4

[Auditors:] Robert Russell, John Austen.

1628-9

[f.53] 29 September 1628.

This day Thomas Halhead, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following, the first Monday in September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Epiphany Hill, late Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Nicholls, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Richard Vivers, Henry Halhead and George Robbins, aldermen; Edward Mann and Edmund Smalbone, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Robert Russell; Mr Austen; John Turton

Bridgemasters: Mr Vivers; Francis Andrewes

Constables: Nathaniel Wheately; John Webb; George Phillipps; all sworn

Tithingmen: [John Terry, d.]; Edward Weston; Thomas Middleton; Richard Hadlye; all sworn

Tasters: Robert Lamprey; [John Freeman, d.]; Henry Bell; both sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Pedlye; John Smith; both sworn

Sergeants: Thomas Perryn; Thomas Huckell

[f.53v] 25 August 1629.

Memorandum. That at a Hall now present, it is agreed by the Company there present that Mr John Austen, Chamberlain, shall take course against John Weston either by distress or by action of trespass for his wood lying under the Wool Hall.

[f.54v] 29 September 1629.

The names of those that refuse to pay to the last assessment made for the constables for money laid forth by them for the King's household, etc.:

Mr [Martin] Tustian, Richard Hill, John Wheately, Anthony Hall.

It is agreed that the constables shall take course against those that would not pay, and to be allowed their charges.

[f. 56] The account of Thomas Halhead, late Mayor, taken 13 January 1629[30], before Mr Richard Vivers, Mr George Robbins and Mr Nathaniel Wheately, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Thomas Halhead's receipts:			
For the Corporation	10	0	0
For the wool beam	1	17	0
For two strays		12	6

The said 12s.6d. for the two strays belongs to the Mayor as his right upon his account.

Mr Thomas Halhead's layings forth come to	10	3	0
For the Lord Say's keeper's fee		10	0
For a dinner at the sessions, and for a supper, the Lord Say's buck	3	10	0

Sum total	14	3	0
Paid to Mr Halhead to perfect his account	2	6	0

Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, account			
Receipts	44	12	4
Payments	38	6	8
Rests in his hands	6	5	8

Which he presently paid to the auditors

Memorandum. There is a coverlet of Widow Gulliver's in part of the £6.5s.8d.

Nathaniel Wheately's, constable's, account			
Receipts [the pence sum is altered from 7 to 6, or 6 to 7]	4	4	6
Payments	4	4	6

John Webb's, constable's, account			
Receipts	6	4	4
Payments	4	13	10
More owing him upon his last account		18	0

Which he was presently paid by the auditors

Rests		12	9
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Which he paid presently to the auditors

George Phillipps', constable's, receipts	5	6	3
Payments	4	10	7
Remainder		15	8

Which he paid

So there remains in money	5	15	0
Out of which was £5 due to Mr Thomas Halhead, which he has freely given to the benefit of the Incorporation.			

Received of Thomas Perryn for Mr Ockam's money due to the Company		13	4
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Mr Richard Vivers and Mr Francis Andrews, bridgemasters, having accounted, there remains in stock	8	7	9
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Which was delivered to Mr Robert Russell, now Bridgemaster

23 January 1634[5].

Memorandum. There remains in Mr Richard Vivers' hands of this account	5	15	0
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[f.56]

£ s d

Out of which he laid forth 15s., but for what he does not remember; so he is to repay the said 15s. if he does not make it appear for what he paid it forth. The same day the £5 before mentioned was paid by Mr Vivers to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain, to be employed for the benefit of the Corporation.

[Auditors:] Richard Vivers, George Robins, Nathaniel Wheatly.

[Note. These signatures pre-date the memorandum, presumably from 1629]

1629-30

[f.55] 29 September 1629.

Thomas Webb, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following, the first Monday in September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Thomas Halhead, late Mayor, Thomas Wheatly, John Nicholls, Robert Russell, Richard Vivers, John Austenn, Henry Halhead, George Robbins, William Allenn, Francis Andrews, aldermen; Nathaniel Wheatly, Nathaniel Hill, Andrew Ansely, Organ Nicholls, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Richard Vivers; Mr George Robbins; Nathaniel Wheatly
 Bridgemasters: Mr Robert Russell; Andrew Ansely
 Constables: Nathaniel Hill; William Potter; William Andrewes; John Newland; all sworn
 Tithingmen; Thomas Middleton; Richard Hadly; Nathaniel Stronge; Edward Bass; all sworn
 Tasters: Robert Lamprey; William Robbins; both sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Pedly; Francis Weston; both sworn.

[f.55v] 13 January 1629[30]. A note of the town arms.

4 muskets with swords rests, bandeairs and belts; one more old musket newly stocked.
 3 new corselets; 3 head pieces; 2 swords [underlined], [the other sword Thuckell is to make good, d.]; 2 belts [underlined].
 3 old corselets newly fashioned with 3 headpieces, which arms were this day delivered by the old constables unto the constables for the time being.
 4 pikes, whereof 3 are armed and one bare.

[f.56v] The account of Mr Thomas Webb, late Mayor, taken 20 January 1630[1], before Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Francis Andrewes and Andrew Ansely, auditors; [added] this day he brought in his quietus.

	£	s	d
Mr Thomas Webb's receipts	11	0	0
More for the Incorporation	5	0	0
Mr Webb, his layings forth, as appears by his bill	16	0	0
Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, receipts	59	6	0
His layings forth	36	13	5
Remains in his hands	22	12	7

[f. 56v]

John Newland's, constable's, receipts	£	s	d
His layings forth		3	4
		5	6

So there was paid to him the overplus by the auditors

William Potter's, constable's, receipts		6	8
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Which was paid to the auditors

William Andrews', constable's, receipts	1	15	0
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His layings forth	1	14	5
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Received of Thomas Perryn for consideration of

Mr Ockam's money	1	6	8
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His escheats came to		16	7
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Which is unpaid

Received of Thomas Huckell's estreats	2	14	0
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[Mg. Auditors' receipts	4	5	9]
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Paid by the Auditors for wine and cakes		1	8
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Paid Thomas Huckell for charges laid forth about the Hall		5	4
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Paid Robert Kinch for warning the watch for the year past		5	0
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Paid to Mr William Wheately by Mr Andrews for three half years' wanting to make up the £5 from the Company	1	16	8
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For bread given to the poor by Mr Andrews of Mr Ockam's money		13	4
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For fire			4
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[Mg. Payments	3	2	4]
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There remains in Andrew Anseley's hands	1	3	5
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Whereof he paid to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain		10	1
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The 13s. 4d. residue is to be spent according to

Mr Ockam's will

[Mg.] 21 January 1634[5].

Which is paid to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain, by the above mentioned Andrew Ansely.

[Auditors:] Thomas Halhed, Francis Andrews, Andrew Annesley.

[Note. These signatures pre-date the memorandum, presumably from 1630]

1630-1

[f. 57] 29 September 1630.

Mr Henry Halhead, Alderman, chosen Mayor for this year following, the first Monday in September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr Thomas Webb, late Mayor, Thomas Wheately, John Nicholls, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, John Austen, George Robbins and Francis Andrews, aldermen; John Turton, Nathaniel Wheately, Nathaniel Hill, Andrew Ansely and Organ Nicholls, chief burgesses.

Auditors:	Mr Thomas Halhead; Mr Francis Andrews; Andrew Anselye
Bridgemasters:	Mr Robert Russell; Andrew Anselye
Constables:	William Andrews, John Newland; Edward Weston, Chandler; Thomas Middleton, baker; all sworn
Tithingmen:	Edward Bass; Richard Halhead; Ralph Ashmole; John Heins, shoemaker; all sworn

[f.57] Tasters: Henry Bell; Marten Edens; both sworn
 Searchers: John Newman; Francis Weston; both sworn
 Sergeants: Thomas Perry; Thomas Huckell
 Beadle: Thomas Higgins

[f.57v] 14 January 1630[1].

Whereas there is money due from the Company to Mr William Knight, late Chamberlain, upon account and one bond of £2 of Mr Hutchins' money, supposed to be paid to Mr William Knight, it is fully agreed on both sides that all reckonings, debts and accounts to be met between them from the beginning of the world to this present day.

18 March 1630[1].

This day it is agreed by the whole Company then present that Mr Henry Halhead, Mayor, shall be advised by counsel concerning Thomas Penn's forge, the common pound and other encroachments, and to take course by law for suing and recovering of the said land; which suit so commenced to be at the charge of the Incorporation.

[Signature, some way below:] Nathaniel Wheatly.

[For a further memorandum on this folio, see under 1631-2]

[P.R.O. State Papers(Domestic) 16/191, f.19]

The Mayor, and others, of Banbury, to the Council. 13 May 1631.

Right Honourable,

According to the directions we thought it our duties to certify your Honours of the course we took for the markets and for the poor. The market has been and is very well furnished with corn and grain of all sorts, but at higher rates, viz., Wheat at 7s.6d.; Maslyn at 7s.2d.; Barley at 4s.8d.; Peas and Beans at 3s.6d.; and Oats at 2s.9d. or near thereabouts. And for the poor we raised all the wealthier sort of the inhabitants at twice as much or more weekly as they were before. So as with that weekly collection and monies gathered at the Communions, punishment of drunkards, tipsters and swearers, the sum taken for the poor at our accounts at Easter last of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor came to £149.15s., besides the constant contributions of many charitably affected for their reliefs. We took all the best order we could to set them on work both before and since your Honours' directions. And as for rogues and vagabonds, we are little troubled with them, they like their entertainment so ill. We hope the prices of corn will fall now that the seed time is past and it is somewhat lessened already (praised be God). And thus our with earnest prayers for your Honours' increase of health and happiness, we rest,

Your honours in all duty to be commanded,

Henry Halhed, Mayor
 William Knight
 Thomas Whatley
 Thomas Halhed.

Banbury, 13th May 1631.

[for a comparable letter, see 1623-4]

[f.59] The account of Mr Henry Halhead, late Mayor, 30 December 1631, before Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Richard Vivers and Organ Nicholls, auditors.
[added later:] This day brought in his quietus.

	£	s	d
Mr Henry Halhead's receipts	17	18	9
His payments	16	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Whereof there is to be allowed to the Company from the poor for keeping and removing of prisoners	4	2	9
Due from Mr Henry Halhead to the Company, with the £4.2s.9d. for the prisoners	5	16	5
Memorandum. That there was paid by Mr Henry Halhead to the auditors for Richard Busby, which he had received of the said Busby towards his freedom	1	0	0
Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, receipts and rents	48	2	7
His payments	46	1	11
Remainder in his hands for this year	2	0	8
Besides the last year's remainder which comes to	22	12	7
Mr Robert Russell's, Bridgemaster's, accounts for two years past			
Receipts	27	12	9
Payments	32	9	6
Remains due to him	4	16	9
Which £4.16s.9d. was afterwards paid to him by Mr Thomas Webb, next Bridgemaster			

[Mg.] Auditors' Receipts.

Received of Mr Thomas Huckell for his estreats	17	0	
Received for consideration for Mr Ockam's money	1	6	8
For Thomas Perryn's estreats	1	14	0
Received more 3s.4d., which was paid to Thomas Higgins for warning the watch		3	4
Received of the Smiths' Company for two years past	13	4	
Of the Shoemakers' Company for three years past	1	0	0
Of the Glovers' Company for three years long past	1	0	0
Of Richard Busbye upon his bond towards his freedom	2	0	0
Of Mr Allenn for the Widow Gulliver 40s. towards the payment of £7 due from her to the Company, for there remains £5 which Mr Allenn promises to pay before 25 March next	2	0	0

[signature:] William Allen

Received of Mr Henry Halhead in full upon his account for the sums abovesaid	1	8	0
So there remains due to the Company from the town and poor	4	2	9

[Mg.] 21 January 1634[/5].

The whole sum of the auditors' receipts upon this account is	12	19	0
Payments	10	15	3
Paid more to Andrew Ansley for a horse hire		3	3
Remains	2	0	0

Which was presently delivered to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain.

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, Richard Vivers.

[f.59] Memorandum. That the 21st of January, 1634[5], Mr William Allen paid to the auditors upon his account the £5 which he promised to pay for the Widow Gulliver, and is discharged thereof.

1631-2

[f.58] 29 September 1631.

Mr George Robbins, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following, the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy, in the presence of Mr Henry Halhead, late Mayor, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Thomas Halhead[sic], Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Austen, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr Francis Andrews, Mr John Turton, aldermen; Nathaniel Wheately, Organ Nicholls and John Webb, chief burgesses.

Auditors:	Mr Thomas Webb; Mr Richard Vivers; Organ Nicholls
Bridgemasters:	Mr Thomas Webb; Nathaniel Wheately
Constables:	Edward Weston; [Thomas Middleton, d.]; William Hawkins; Edward Basse; [Richard Hadley, d.]; all sworn
Tithingmen:	Richard Halhead; [Nathan Stronge*, d.]; John Heines; Edward Langham; John Youicke; all sworn
Tasters:	Richard Harvy; William Seacole; [Martin Eden, d.]; John Wamsely; Richard Pope; William Walsoe; all sworn
Searchers:	John Newman; Henry Bell; both sworn
Sergeants:	Thomas Huckell; Martin Edens; both sworn
Beadle:	Thomas Higgins.

[f.1 - for the previous entries on this folio, see 1627-8.]

10 November 1631.

The tenants of the King's land in the villages of Bloxham and Adderbury, Oxon., free from toll, etc., dated 23 May 7 Charles [1631].

[Mg. Entered by Mr Thomas Davers.]

[Mg. Castle Ban...] 5 January 1631[2].

Michael Woodhull, son of Nicholas Woodhull, of Thenford, Northants., esquire, apprentice of John Baxter, citizen and merchant tailor of London, was admitted into the aforesaid liberty and sworn in the time of Francis Johnes, Knight, Mayor, dated 8 October 10[?] James [1612]. [For the Woodhull or Wodhull family, see Baker's 'History of Northamptonshire', i, p.712. Michael son of Nicholas Wodhull was baptised at Thenford 22 October 1592.]

[f.57v] 12 May 1632.

Memorandum. This day Mr John Austen, being chosen Coroner for the Borough of Banbury, was sworn to execute the said office, before Mr George Robbins, Mayor, Mr Thomas Webb and Mr Thomas Halhead, Justices, and to the King's supremacy.

* Nathaniel Strong, buried 31 October 1631.

[Beesley, "History of Banbury", p.282, quoting an original document then in the possession of the Fiennes family:]

On the death of the Earl of Banbury in 1632, the Common Council of Banbury elected William, Viscount Saye and Sele, to the office of High Steward of the Borough:-

To the Right Honourable William Lord Viscount Saye and Seale.

Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxford. May it please your good Lordship, After notice of us taken of the death of the right honourable William late Earl of Banbury, the late High Steward of our Borough, we have met in Common Council and by one unanimous consent made choice of your Lordship to be High Steward in his place, presuming of your honourable acceptance. Whereinas already for many former favours we acknowledge ourselves in all duty much obliged to your Lordship: So we shall account it a further favour that our Town may be honoured by so worthy a person to be our Patron: And in Testimony of this our choice we have subscribed our names and affixed our Common Seal of our said Borough, Dated the five and twentieth day of June in the eight year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles over England etc, Anno Domini 1632.

George Robins, Mayor

Thomas Whateley

Thomas Webb Justices

Thomas Halhed

Robert Russell

Richard Vivers Aldermen

John Awsten

Epiphany Hill

William Allen

Francis Andrews

John Tustian

Nathaniel Wheatlye

Nathaniel Hill

Andrew Annesley

Organ Nicholls

John Webb

Aldermen

Capital

Burgesses

[f.61] The account of Mr George Robbins, late Mayor, taken 21 February 1633[4]*, by Mr Robert Russell, Mr John Turton and John Webb, auditors. [added later:] Brought in his 'quietus est'.

	£	s	d
[Mg.] Mr Robbins,			
His receipts	31	19	8
Payments	31	19	8
Mr John Austen, Chamberlain [mg. 1632].			
Receipts	31	4	8
The whole sum for the rent roll; received	19	5	6
Sum total	50	10	2
His payments for 1632	34	15	6
Rests in his hands	15	14	8
Mr Thomas Webb and Mr Nathaniel Wheately, bridgemasters [mg. 1632].			
Receipts	19	0	0
Payments	20	18	6
Rests due, which they received by the appointment of the House	1	18	6
Thomas Huckell's estreats	3	5	10
Of which remains in Thomas Huckell's hands gathered	1	4	0
Marten Edens' estreats	18		0
Whereof he gathered up 7s.4d., which remains in his hands.			
Edward Weston's, constable's, account			
Receipts by an assessment		7	11
His layings forth	3	1	4
Rests due to him from the House	2	13	5
Which was paid him the next assessment following.			
Edward Basse's, constable's, account			
Received of him for [an] affray		1	8
Of Mr John Turton for the Smiths' Company		6	8
Of the Shoemakers' Company		6	8
For Mr Ockam's money: from Thomas Parkins		3	4
Gamaliel Nicholls		3	4
Thomas Allenn	[no entry]		
Henry Bell		3	4
Joseph Smith		3	4
John Robbins		3	4
Mathew Bently	[no entry]		
John Heele		3	4
Received of Thomas Huckell's estreats		2	8
Received of Marten Edens' estreats		1	6
Memorandum. The whole moneys which the auditors received as abovesaid comes to	1	19	6
Whereof in farthings [the sum runs off the page, and could read 22d., i.e. 1s.10d., or just possibly 22s.]			
And they paid to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain	1	17	6
[Auditors:] Robert Russell, John Turton, John Webb.			

* Except for 1632-3, audits now take place a year or more later.

1632-3

[f.60] 29 September 1632.

Mr William Allenn, Alderman, chosen Mayor for the year following, the first Monday in September, according to his Majesty's letters patent, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr George Robbins, late Mayor, Mr Thomas Wheately, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Austen, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr Francis Andrews, alderman; Nathaniel Wheately, Nathaniel Hill and Organ Nicholls, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Robert Russell; Mr John Turton; John Webb
 Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Webb; Nathaniel Wheately
 Constables: John Newland; Edward Basse; Richard Halhead; Thomas Midelton; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Edward Langham; John Youicke; William Gilkes; Anthony Hall; all sworn
 Tasters: Edward Weston; William Seacole; Edward Wauford; Robert Neale; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers: Francis [Edward, d.] Weston; John Heele; both sworn
 Sergeants: Thomas Huckell; Marten Edens
 Beadle: Thomas Higgins.

[f.63] The account of Mr William Allenn, late Mayor, taken 22 February 1633[4], by Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Francis Andrews and Nathaniel Hill, auditors. [added later:] Brought in his 'quietus est'. £ s d

[Mg.] Mr Allenn

Receipts	23	12	4
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Payments	31	18	8
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To be deducted from his payments for the players, and mending the Market Place	3	1	6
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Remains due to him	5	4	10
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[added later:] Which sum was paid to him 18 January 1655[6].

Mr John Austen, Chamberlain

Receipts	26	12	2
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More by the rent roll and for the fee farm	12	5	4
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More for rent for the waste	2	5	0
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[Mg. on right:]	41	2	6
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Payments	48	6	7
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Rest due upon this account	7	4	1
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Memorandum. There is money in stock in Mr Austen's hands, as he stands charged with upon his account, 1631	24	13	5
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More he stands charged with upon his account, 1632	15	14	8
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So, the £7.4s.1d. paid him, there remains in Mr Austen's hands due to the Company	33	4	0
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Mr Allenn paid to the auditors upon his account for the Smiths' Company	6	8	
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[Mg.] At the same time Mr Ockam's money was accounted
for by Mr Allenn.

[f.63] The account of Richard Halhead, Edward Bass and Thomas Midelton, constables

	£	s	d
Receipts	5	10	1
Payments	9	1	8
Due to them	3	11	7

Which was paid them by an assessment

Paid by the auditors to Thomas Higgins	3	4	
Paid by the auditors to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain	8	11	
Lost in farthings which were given to Marten Edens	4	1	

[Mg.] Mr Allenn received and accounted for 6s.8d. of the Smiths' Company; and the auditors received and accounted for the Shoemakers' Company.

Memorandum. No money came in for any escheats.

Thomas Huckell has received his estreats in Mr Allenn's time 2 0

Marten Edens has in his hands of the estreats in Mr Allenn's time 13 8

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, Francis Andrewes, Nathaniel Hill.

1633-4

[f.62] 29 September 1633.

Mr Richard Vivers, Alderman, chosen Mayor on the first Monday of this September according to his Majesty's Letters Patent, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of William Allenn, late Mayor, Thomas Wheately, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhead, John Austen, George Robbins, Francis Andrewes, John Turton and Nathaniel Wheately, aldermen; and Nathaniel Hill, Andrew Ansely, Organ Nicholls, John Webb and Richard Halhead, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Webb; Mr Francis Andrew; Nathaniel Hill
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Turton; John Webb
 Constables: William Hawkins; John Hall, baker; Edward Langham; [John Hall, d.]; all sworn
 Tithingmen: William Gilkes; Anthony Hall, mercer; [Thomas Huckell, d.]; Thomas Robbins; John Yates; all sworn
 Tasters: Francis Weston; Francis Vowe; Thomas Middleton; Edward Wootton; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Newman; John Heele; both sworn
 Sergeants: Thomas Huckell; Marten Edens
 Beadle: Thomas Higgins.

[f.5v - this faces the memoranda on apprenticeship bonds, under 1554-6]

[Mg. Aylesbury] 20 February 1633[4].

Henry Duncombe of Aylesbury, Bucks., gentleman, who was apprentice to Nathan Weston, citizen and merchant tailor of London, was admitted into the liberty aforesaid, and was sworn in the time of William Cotayne, knight, Mayor, Cornldy Fisher, chamberlain and registrar, etc.

[f.5v] [Mg.] 15 May 1634. London to be free throughout England.

Transcript of charter, dated 3 May 10 Charles [1634], in the time of Thomas Mewlson, Mayor of London, citing previous charters of Henry II, Henry III, Edward III and of other monarchs, granting to the citizens of London freedom from all dues in all towns and places throughout England.

[Visitation of Oxfordshire by John Philpott, Somerset Herald, and William Ryley, Bluemantle Pursuivant, 1634; based on the printed version in Harleian Society, vol. v, p.280, itself taken from Harl.MS. 1557, p.30 (B.M.); and checked against the actual Visitation at the College of Arms. The printed version misreads the surname Vivers.]

1634. The Borough of Banbury.

Arms. [None tricked]

The Borough of Banbury hold their privileges by a charter granted unto them from King James, dated 28 June 6 and 41 James [1608], and are incorporated by the name of Mayor, Aldermen and chief Burgesses; at the time of this present visitation these were:-

Mayor:	Richard Vivers.
Aldermen:	Thomas Wheatly, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhead, John Austin, Epiphany Hill, George Robbins, William Alleyne, Francis Andrewes, John Turton, Nathaniel Wheatley.
Chief Burgesses:	Nathaniel Hill, Andrew Ansley, Organ Nicholls, John Webbe, Edward Beale, Richard Hallhead.
Town Clerk:	Edward Edens.
Sergeants at Mace:	Thomas Huckell, Martin Eden.
High Steward:	William Viscount Saye and Sele.
Recorder:	John Crewe, Esquire.
Chamberlain and Coroner:	John Austin.

This Corporation has constantly four Justices, whereof the Mayor for the time being is Justice of Peace and Quorum.

Justices during their lives: Aldermen Thomas Wheatly, Thomas Webb, Thomas Hallhead.

[Book of Accounts, f.64]

The account of Mr Richard Vivers, late Mayor, taken 22 May 1637, by Mr George Robbins, Mr William Allenn and Edward Beale, auditors.

	£	s	d
Receipts	18	11	6
with the £5 for piccage and stallage			
Payments	18	11	6
Mr Austen, Chamberlain.			
Receipts	84	9	5
Payments	77	6	3
Remains due to the Company	7	3	0

[Mg. on right:] Md. The £33.4s. which Mr Awsten stands charged with in Mr Allen's time was accounted for in this account and he is cleared.

[f.64]

Mr John Turton and John Webb, Bridgemasters
Receipts
Payments

£	s	d
20	0	0
20	10	2

Which remainder was paid by the next [bridgemasters]

William Hawkins, Edward Langhame and John Hall, constables, accounted and all even.

The Sergeants' estreats gathered and paid to Mr Richard Vivers and to Mr John Austen, which is accounted for by Mr Vivers and is to be accounted for by Mr Austen.

[Auditors:] George Robbins, William Allen, Edward Beale.

1634-5

[f.65] 29 September 1634.

Mr John Austen, Alderman, chosen Mayor on the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy, in the presence of Mr Richard Vivers, late Mayor, Thomas Halhead, Thomas Webb, Thomas Halhead[sic], George Robbins, William Allenn, Francis Andrewes, John Turton and Nathaniel Wheately, aldermen; and Nathaniel Hill, Organ Nicolls, John Webb, Edward Beale and Richard Halhead, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr George Robbins; Mr William Allenn; Edward Beale

Bridgemasters: Mr John Turton; John Webb

Constables: Edward Langham; William Gilkes; John Youicke[s]; all sworn

Tithingmen: Thomas Robbins; John Yates; Thomas Pymme; William Wheately; all sworn

Tasters: Edward Weston, tailor; William Seacole; Richard Pope; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Watts; Francis Weston; both sworn

Sergeants: [no entry].

[f.64v] 20 January 1634[5].

This day Mr Edward Bagshawe was sworn Recorder of this Borough and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr John Austen, Mayor, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr William Allenn, Mr George Robbins, Mr Francis Andrewe, Edward Beale and Richard [Vivers, d.] Halhead.

[f.66] The account of John Awsten, late Mayor, taken for the year of his mayoralty and for his chamberlainship, 26 May 1637, by Mr Richard Vivers, Mr Nathaniel Wheately and Richard Halhead, auditors.

His receipts	65	15	9
His payments	53	3	6
Remains in his hands	12	12	3
More remaining in his hands in Mr Richard Vivers' account	7	3	0
Which is in all	19	15	3

The account of Edward Langham, William Gilkes and John Youicke, constables

Their receipts 11 4 0

Their payments 11 4 0

[Auditors:] Richard Vivers, Nathaniel Wheatly, Richard Halhed.

1635-6

[f.67] 29 September 1635.

Mr Francis Andrewe, Alderman, chosen Mayor on the first Monday of this September, was sworn and has taken the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr John Austen, late Mayor, Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Thomas Halhead, Richard Vivers, George Robbins, William Allenn, John Turton and Nathaniel Wheatley, aldermen; Organ Nicholls, John Webb, Edward Beale and Richard Halhead, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Richard Vivers; Mr Nathaniel Wheately; Richard Halhead
 Bridgemasters: Mr William Allenn; Edward Beale
 Constables: John Youicke; John Yates; Thomas Robbins; all sworn
 [except Youicke: the note by his name was probably omitted by mistake]
 Tithingmen: Thomas Pyne; William Wheately; Obediah Lord; William Stoaks; all sworn
 Tasters: Edward Weston, tailor; William Seacole; both sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Francis Weston; [John, d.] Thomas [i] Newman; both sworn
 Sergeants: [No entry]

[P.R.O. State Papers (Domestic) 16/327, f.112]

13 June 1636. The Council to the Mayor of Banbury.

By virtue of his Majesty's writ you are to levy within the town of Banbury the sum of £40 towards the providing and setting forth of a Ship of 350 tons for the service of his Majesty and the defence of the Kingdom at the charge of the county of Oxon., which sum the Council are informed you not only refuse to pay to the sheriff but have forborne to pay in to Sir William Russell, the Treasurer of the Navy. The Council cannot pass by this great neglect without letting you know that if they should call you to so strict account as you deserve you could not answer the same; you are therefore required to levy the said sum, and within a month to pay the same over to the sheriff or the Treasurer of the Navy; and if you find any person, of what quality soever, that refuses, you are to levy the sum assessed by distress, according to the writ.

[Book of Accounts, f.68]

The account of Mr Francis Andrewe, late Mayor, taken 26 May 1637, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Robert Russell, Andrew Ansely, auditors.

	£	s	d
His receipts	24	0	0
His payments	35	18	8
There remains due to him	11	18	8
[i.] Remains more due for the Crown pool bank		10	0
of which money there remains due for the town to pay	1	6	8
laid forth by Mr Mayor for his charges going up to London about the Ship Money			
More laid forth going to Gloucester and Oxford about the schoolmaster, which is due for the town to pay	2	10	4

[f.68] [Mg. on right] Memorandum. Mr Francis Andrewe brought in his 'quietus est', and delivered it to be put into the chest.

Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, accounts until 10 January last past, 1636[7].

	£	s	d
His receipts	45	0	2
Payments	62	0	2
Remains in his hands	2	15	3
Which is in all	64	15	5
More in his hands, which he stands charged with in the account for his Mayoralty	19	15	3

Thomas Robbins, John Yates, John Youicke, constables' accounts

Their receipts	28	0	2
Payments	27	15	9
Rests due		4	5

which was paid to Mr Francis Andrewe

Received of John Yates for an affray, which was paid to Mr Andrewe

3	4
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Received of Edward Beale for the Shoemakers' Company

13	4
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Whereof was paid to Mr Andrewe

12	4
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So that he is paid

1	0	0
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Memorandum. The 6s.8d. due from the Smiths' Company for the last year is paid to Mr Austen, and the same was accounted for by Mr Austen

At the same time the Glovers' Company paid

1	6	6
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to Mr [Austen, d.] Nathaniel Wheatly, to be accounted for; which he has accounted for, 31 January 1637[8]

[Auditors:] Thomas Webb, Robert Russell, Andrew Annesley.

31 January, 1639[40].

Memorandum. Mr Andrewes was paid by Mr John Austen towards his debt of £12.8s.8d., which was allowed him from the rents of the butchers' stalls. It was agreed that he should have the residue of the said debt from the foresaid rents.

5	6	8
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1636-7

[f.69] 29 September, 1636.

Mr John Turton*, Alderman, chosen the first Monday in September, was sworn Mayor and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr Francis Andrewe, late Mayor, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr John Awsten, Mr William Allenn, aldermen; Organ Nicholls, Edward Beale and Richard Halhead, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Webb; Mr Robert Russell; Mr Anslowe

Bridgemasters: Mr William Allenn; Edward Beale

Constables: Thomas Robbins; John Yates; Thomas Pymme; all sworn

Tithingmen: Obediah Lord; John Bently, mercer; William Robbins; Henry Hill; all sworn

* John Turton, buried 18 October 1636, "Dyed when he was Maior of this Burrough of Banbury".

[f.69] Tasters: Edward Weston, tailor; William Seacole; Thomas Mid-
delton, butcher; Robert Neale; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: John Robbins; Thomas Newman; both
sworn.

[f.70] 17 October 1636.

Mr Nathaniel Wheately, alderman, chosen and sworn Mayor, and has taken the oath of Supremacy, in the presence of Mr Thomas Wheately, senior alderman, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr John Awsten, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr George Robbins, Mr William Allenn; Mr Francis Andrewe, Mr Nathaniel Hill, aldermen; Mr Andrew Ansely, Organ Nicholls, John Webb, Edward Beale, Richard Halhead and George Phillips, chief burgesses.

The same officers ... [nothing further added].

[P.R.O., State Papers (Domestic) 16/361, f.25]

6 June 1637. William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford, to Nicholas [Secretary of State]. Sarsden.

That I may give you an account of our proceedings in this business of ship-money, these are to let you understand, that I am now in doubt that I shall not finish my collection this term ... But more especially the reason is because all the money that is raised now is by distresses, so that it comes in by small parcells and slowly; and why it comes so is because I find many harbour an opinion that this case is depending in trial at the suit of some of their neighbours, and they will first see the issue of that, and this is most about Banbury. The Mayor of that town (after many messages to him) has but this week brought £13 (though this town is the easiest rated of any town by much in the county in respect of the abilities of the inhabitants), and for the remainder he answers that he knows not how to levy it, for that the Mayor, his predecessor, has yet many parcels of goods which lie rotting by him, which are yet to make up the money which their town is in arrears for last year, for which goods he says many of the owners endeavour to commence suits in their court before him, which he has hitherto kept off; and for the present Mayor's proceedings in this business, I perceive he expects more persuasions and advice therein than can come from me. I have by me between two and three hundred pounds, and before the end of term I think I shall have made it five hundred, when it shall be paid.

[S.P. 16/366, f.19]

22 August 1637. Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor of Banbury, to William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford. Banbury.

Worshipful Sir,

Having received divers letters from you concerning the payment of the Ship money for the Town of Banbury, and fearing lest you should think me forgetful or careless in not giving answer, or any way slack or remiss in not furthering this service, I thought good to acquaint you what I have done, and how I am (as I conceive) much abused therein:

[S.P. 16/366, f.19]

first, upon the receipt of his majesty's writ for ship-money, I assessed the money and made my warrant to the constables to collect, and, if need were, to distrain the same. Divers times since I have called upon them, wishing them (if any should refuse to pay) to distrain, promising that I would save them harmless if my estate would do it, and proffering also to go with them and distrain myself upon any that they thought would be contentious. The constables having made show a long time that they would gather the same, do at last absolutely refuse to distrain or to be bound to appear before the Council. I have, since their refusal, made warrant to other officers to collect the said moneys, who likewise refuse to execute the same. Notwithstanding all this, I have taken pains myself in gathering the same, and purpose to proceed with as much speed as I may. But in regard my predecessor is molested and sued, and, by reason of the constables' refusal or fearfulness, I am not only opposed by many by shutting up their doors against me, but also am threatened to be sued by such a multitude, that I think my estate is not sufficient to defend me, and not knowing what course to take, I desire your advice.

[Endorsed by Nicholas, "Received 3 Septembris 1637"]

[P.R.O. Nicholas's Letter Book, Dom. James I, vol. 219, p.159]

4 September 1637. Nicholas to the Mayor of Banbury. Oatlands.

Complaint being made that you have not paid in the ship-money for Banbury, his Majesty and the Council require you forthwith to assess, collect, and pay in the same. If any of the constables refuse to obey your warrants, you are to return a list of their names, and in the meantime to proceed in levying the said moneys by yourself, or others better affected to the service.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/367, f.53]

8 September 1637. William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxon., to Nicholas Sarsden.

These are to certify the names of those constables in Banbury who denied obedience to the Mayor's warrant. Of all the corporations of the shire, Banbury is most favourably assessed, and has paid least; for of £40 I have received but £14 ... All the ship-money for this county is near collected, but much of it lies in cattle and wares, which were not come by without hurt to some of my ministers, in which resistance Luke Davis, of Drayton by Banbury, is most guilty, having hurt two of my officers, whom my warrants yet will not take, and I suspect shall not, such perverse constables have been chosen, I conceive purposely, to serve this year.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/367, f.53, I]

7 September 1637. Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor of Banbury, to William Walter, Sheriff of co. Oxford. Banbury.

Noble Sir,

My due respects unto yourself with many thanks for your love and favour. I have received your Worship's letter whereby I find your

[S.P. 16/367, f.53,I]

kind remembrance of me and according to your desire I have inserted herein the names of those Constables that did refuse to execute my warrants and likewise to enter into bond to answer their refusal before the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable privy council.

John Yates

Thomas Robbins

Thomas Pymme

Constables

of Banbury

So with my kind remembrance, I end resting,

Your Worship's to be commanded,

Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/368, f.24]

24 September 1637. Whitehall.

Order of the King in Council on petition of Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor of Banbury, that he is threatened by divers of the inhabitants to be sued, after the year of his mayoralty is expired, for distresses taken for ship-money. His Majesty declared that if the said Mayor should for that service be sued in the Town Court at Banbury, the Council should forthwith remove the suit to Westminster, and afford the Mayor their best assistance and advice.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/368, f.33]

24 September 1637.

The Council to Henry Kyne, messenger, to fetch up John Yates, Thomas Robbins, and Thomas Pyme, constables of Banbury.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/368, f.45]

26 September 1637. The Council to the Mayor of Banbury.

We understand that having collected in part of the moneys assessed upon that town towards the business of shipping, and being forced to distrain for the residue, diver goods distrained are in your hands unsold. We require you forthwith to make sale of such goods, that the whole moneys may be paid in with all possible speed; and if there should be any overplus upon the sale of the distresses, more than satisfies the sums assessed and the charges, you are to render the same to the parties from whom you took the distresses.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/468, f.123 - this has been calendared under 1640, but it seems probable that it in fact relates to 1637.]

[September, 1637]

Petition of Thomas Robbins, John Yeates, and Thomas Pyme, constables of Banbury, to the Council. Petitioners were sent for by warrant from you and are now in the messenger's custody to their great charge because they refused to distrain for ship-money; now because they are heartily sorry for their offence, promising to have a care hereafter never to offend in the like way, and what they did in not being bound to appear before you being only out of ignorance, they beseech you to

[S.P. 16/468, f.123]

order their enlargement, the rather that there never was any such service before required at their hands.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/368, f.100]

30 September 1637.

Minute that Thomas Robins, John Yeates, and Thomas Pym, having been sent for by warrant, upon entering bond to leave [levy] the ship-moneys in arrear at Banbury last year, and deliver the said distresses or money to the late Mayor, they were discharged from their further attendance.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/370, f.18]

21 October 1637.

Receipt of Nathaniel Wheatly, late Mayor of Banbury, for all the arrears of "sheepe" money paid to him by Thomas Robbins, John Yates, and Thomas Pym, late constables of that borough.

Witness: Thomas Webb, Mayor.

[For further references to Ship Money, see under 1637-8 and 1638-9.]

[Book of Accounts, f.69v]

5 September 1637.

Memorandum. Ordered and agreed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Chief Burgesses that by order under the hands and seals of Sir Christopher Yealverton and Sir David Williams, knights, late Justices of Assize for the County of Oxford, anyone refusing, after being legally chosen, to be Mayor, Justice of the Peace, Alderman or Chief Burgess for Banbury, shall forfeit and pay £5 each to the Corporation. It is further ordered that if any alderman shall refuse to serve after being chosen Mayor, he shall pay £5 which shall be given to the succeeding Mayor.

Nathaniel Wheatly, Mayor

Thomas Webb

Robert Russell

X The mark of Thomas Halhead

John Awsten

Georgè Robins

William Allen

Nathaniel Hill

Andrew Annesley

Organ Nickolles

John Webb

Edward Beale

Richard Halhed

George Phillips

Aho[liab] West

20 September 1652.

Memorandum. That the clause in the above-written order, for anyone refusing to serve after being chosen Mayor, was this day repealed. It is now ordered that the £5 or any fine hereafter imposed shall be paid to the Chamberlain for the use of the Corporation. The rest of the order is to continue in force. [For signatories see under 1651-2.]

Nathaniel Wheatly minor
 James Gold
 Robert Huggins
 + the mark of Thomas Gold

John Hensken

George Robin
 William Allen

Richard Lint
 Thomas Jones

Thomas Vincent
 John Seabrook
 Edward Beale
 Richard Halhead
 George G. G. G.
 John West

Signatures of the Corporation on 5 September 1637 (see previous page). The three names following the Mayor were probably Justices of the Peace, and all those on the left were Aldermen. Those on the right were Capital Burgesses.

Thomas Halhead probably signed by mark because of age (he was 62) or infirmity. He died 18 months later. His signature last appears, as auditor, in January 1630/1. He continued to attend Mayoral elections regularly. His father William was blind in old age, and Thomas may have suffered similarly.

For comparative signatures, see under 1651-2.

[f.72] The account of Mr Nathaniel Wheately, late Mayor, taken 31 January 1637[78], by Mr Francis Andrewe, Mr Nathaniel Hill and George Phillipps, auditors.

	£	s	d
His receipts	44	19	5
[Mg. on right] Received more for piccage	5	0	0
Payments	55	7	1
Remains due to him	5	7	8

Memorandum. This day Mr Wheately has accounted for all estreats past and due until Michaelmas last. He is to bring in his 'quietus est'.

23 March 1641. This day Mr Wheately brought in his 'quietus est', which remains in his hands.

Mr John Awsten's, Chamberlain's, account to this day, the last of January.

His receipts, with the £2.15s.3d. remaining in his hands of the last year's accounts, 10 January 1636[7].	37	16	1
Payments	37	15	9
Remains just			4

Mr William Allenn and Edward Beale, Bridgemasters.

Receipts	21	1	8
Payments	22	13	9
Remains due to them	1	12	1

Thomas Robbins, constable

For an affray and bloodshed 6 8

Which he paid this day to Mr Francis Andrews, auditor

John Yates, constable

Received for an affray 3 4

Which he paid [presently, d.] to Mr Francis Andrews

Thomas Robbins, John Yates and Thomas Pymme, constables

Their receipts upon an assessment 6 0 2

Their payments 6 0 2

This day the auditors received 10s. of Richard Halhead for one year's rent past for the butt yard in Newland.

Whereof paid to Higgins 3 4

Paid to Mr Allenn for 3 locks 4 0

For beer and cakes 2 8

[Auditors:] Francis Andrewes, Nathaniel Hill, George Phillipps.

1637-8

[f.71] 29 September 1637.

Mr Thomas Webb, Alderman, chosen Mayor on the first Monday of this September, was sworn and has taken the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr Robert Russell, senior alderman, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Austen, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr George Robbins, Mr William Allenn, Mr Francis Andrewe, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Andrew Ansely, aldermen; Mr John Webb, Mr Edward Beale, Mr Richard Halhead and Mr George Phillipps, chief burgesses.

[f.71] Auditors: Mr Francis Andrewe; Mr Nathaniel Hill; George Phillips
 Bridgemasters: Mr George Robbins; Richard Halhead
 Constables: Thomas Pymme; William Wheatly; Obediah Lord; all sworn
 Tithingmen: John Bently; William Robbins; Henry Hill; Thomas Halhead; all sworn
 Tasters: William Seacole; Samuel Sherwood; William Walsoll; James Walsoll; all sworn
 Searchers: Francis Weston; John Heele; both sworn
 Sergeants: Thomas Huckell; Marten Edens

[70v] 29 September 1637.

Mr John Austen sworn Justice of the Peace within this Borough, and has taken the oath of Supremacy.

[P.R.O. S.P. 16/371, f.10]

2 November 1637.

Order made at Oxford for rating the corporations in that county towards ship-money. Oxford is to pay £100; Banbury, £50; Burford, £35; Chipping Norton, £30; Henley, £55; Woodstock, £15. Signed by Sir Thomas Penyston, sheriff; Henry Southam, Mayor of Oxford, and the corporate officers of Burford, Woodstock, and Henley.

[Book of Accounts, f.74]

The account of Mr Thomas Webb, late Mayor, taken 14 January 1638[9], by Mr William Allenn, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly and Aholiab West, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Webb's receipts	32	16	0
Whereof £10 he received of Mr Chambers' gift to the poor, and £8 he received for the Wool Beam, for which he has accounted [Mg. to the right]			
His payments	32	16	0
Laid out by him in charges to cause the parish to join with the town in contribution to the poor	7	10	2
More paid by him to Mistress Turton for the poor	2	0	0
There remains due to the poor from the House	8	9	10
Of which Mr Austen has laid forth fees, for the discharge and gathering the pension money, for eleven years	6	9	10
Remains due to the poor from the House on this account	2	0	0
Mr John Awsten's receipts	29	15	9
Payments	29	15	9
Mr George Robbins, Mr Richard Halhead, Bridgemasters			
Receipts	10	9	8
Payments	4	18	3
Rests in their hands	5	11	5

This was laid out the year following, as appears by the account.

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Wheatly, William Allen, Aholiab West.

1638-9

[f.73] 29 September 1638.

Mr George Robbins, Alderman, chosen Mayor on the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy in the presence of Mr Thomas Webb, late Mayor, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Ansloe, aldermen; Organ Nicholls, John Webb, Edward Beale, Richard Halhead, George Phillipps and Aholiab West, chief burgesses.

Auditors:	Mr William Allenn; Mr Nathaniel Wheatly; Aholiab West
Bridgemasters:	Mr George Robbins; Mr Richard Halhead
Constables:	William Whately; William Robbins; John Bently; all sworn
Tithingmen:	Thomas Halhead; Samuel Robbins; Samuel Blackwell; Joseph Austen; all sworn
Tasters:	William Seacole; Samuel Sherwood; William Walsoe; all sworn
Searchers:	John Heele; Anthony Cooper; both sworn

[P.R.O. Calendar of State Papers (Domestic)]

[25 May?] 1639.

9. Return made by Lewis Harris, late under-sheriff of Oxon., of the names of persons in arrears of ship-money (probably upon writs issued in 1636) specifying the sums due from each. The Corporations of Banbury and Burford are returned as behind; the former £10, and the latter £6. (5 strips of parchment - no individual names given for Banbury)

25 May 1639.

10. Similar return for Oxon. upon writs issued in 1637... The Corporations in arrears were: Henley, £1.4s.4d.; Burford, £18; Chipping Norton, £6.11s.; Banbury, £29.1s.6d. (6 pages - no individual names given for Banbury)

[Banbury Parish Register, Volume 1, 1558-1653]

June 1639.

John Howes, Master of Arts, who on 8 June 1639 was inducted as Vicar of Banbury; and Roger Mathews, Master of Arts and Vicar of Bloxham; on 16 June read the Thirty-nine articles of Religion, with Ratifications, before those whose names are written below:

George Robins, Mayor	
Thomas Webb	Nathaniel Wheatly
Richard Vivers	Robert Vivers
William Allen	Richard Halhead
Martin Tustian	Andrew Ansly
Francis Andrewes	John Webb

[Of these signatories, only Martin Tustian and Robert Vivers were not members of the Corporation.]

[f.76] The account of Mr George Robins, late Mayor, taken 27 January 1639/40, by Mr Andrew Ansely, Mr Organ Nicholls, and George Phillipps auditors.

This day Mr Robins brought in his 'quietus est' and has taken it back again.

	£	s	d
His receipts	39	1	4
With the £5 for the Incorporation			
Payments	37	18	11
Rests due to the House	1	2	5
There is due to Mr Robins from the town	1	16	6
Which he laid forth at Oxford about the ship money.			
There is more appointed to be gathered by Thomas Huckell, from his estreats	1	10	0
Which Mr Robins is to have.			

Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, accounts

His receipts	29	18	6
His payments	28	19	10
Rests due to the House		18	8
Which he has now paid to the auditors.			

Mr George Robins and Mr Richard Halhead, Bridgemasters; their account for two years past.

Their receipts	20	7	4
Their payments	20	7	2
Rests due to the Bridgemasters from Alice Page for one year's rent, due at Michaelmas last		12	0

Received for the interest of Mr Ockam's money for two years past

Which is disposed of according to the will of the dead, Viz., to Mr Mayor for the supper for the Company	2	13	4
To Mr Mayor for the Minister	1	0	0
To Aholiab West, one of the overseers of the poor		6	8
Out of which money was paid by Mr Aholiab West to Mr John Austen, which he laid forth for the poor and has accounted for	1	6	8
	1	0	0

At the same time there was allowed and paid by the auditors to Mr Mayor towards the supper £1 more.

1639-40

[f.75] 29 September 1639.

Mr Nathaniel Hill, Alderman, chosen Mayor the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr George Robins, Mr Thomas Webb, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Austen, Mr Epiphany Hill, Mr William Allenn, Mr Francis Andrew, Mr Nathaniel Wheately, Mr Andrew Ansely, Mr Organ Nicholls, aldermen; John Webb, Edward Beale, Richard Halheade, George Phillipps, Aholiab West and William Wheately, chief burgesses.

[f.75] Auditors: Mr Ansloe; Mr Nicholls; George Phillips
 Bridgemasters: Mr Nathaniel Wheatly; Mr West
 Constables: John Bently; Thomas Halhead; Henry Hill; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Samuel Robbins; Samuel Blackwell; Joseph Austen; James
 West; all sworn
 Tasters: William Seacole; Samuel Sherwood; Thomas Midelton;
 Edward Wootton; all sworn
 Searchers: John Bentlye; Anthony Cooper; both sworn

[f.79] The account of Mr Nathaniel Hill, late Mayor, taken 11 January
 1640[1], by Mr Robert Russell, Mr George Robbins and William Wheately,
 auditors.

[Mg. on right] This day he brought in his 'quietus'.

£ s d

Mr Nathaniel Hill's

Receipts 35 0 10

Payments 35 0 10

Mr John Awsten's

Receipts 30 16 8

Payments 27 1 10

Remains in his hands 3 14 10

Memorandum. Mr Awsten paid to Mr Allenn and Mr Nathaniel

Wheately all that they had laid forth for this House 1 2 6

Which was allowed in the former account.

Memorandum. Mr Hill accounted for the Smiths' Company
 and the Glovers' Company for one year past.

Thomas Halhead, Henry Hill and John Bently, constables.

Received of them 4 0

Received of Edward Russell for the Mercers' Company for
 two years 13 4

Received of Henry Bell for the Shoemakers' Company 6 8

1640-1

[f.78] 29 September 1640.

Mr Andrew Ansely, Alderman, chosen Mayor the first Monday in September,
 was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Nathaniel Hill, late
 Mayor, Mr Robert Russell, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Awsten, Mr George
 Robbins, Mr Organ Nicholls, aldermen; Mr John Webb, Edward Beale,
 Richard Halhead, George Phillipps, Aholiab West and William Wheatelye,
 chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Robert Russell; Mr George Robbins; William Wheatelye

Bridgemasters: Mr Nathaniel Wheatelye; Aholiab West

Constables: Thomas Halhead; Henry Hill; Samuel Blackwell; all sworn

Tithingmen: James West; John Dingley; Thomas Tommes; Edward Welch-
 man; all sworn

Tasters: William Seacole; Samuel Sherwood; Thomas Walsoe;

Richard Pope, junior; all sworn

Searchers: John Bentlye, senior; Thomas Newman; both sworn

[f.78v] 15 January 1640[1]

Memorandum. This day the keys of the iron-bound chest were delivered by consent: one to Mr Mayor, one to Mr John Austen, Chamberlain, and one to Mr John Webb, senior burgess, and so they are to be kept successively.

16 October 1641.

This day Mr John Webb delivered the key to Mr Phillipps.

[f.81] The account of Mr Andrew Annesley, late Mayor, taken 7 January 1641[2], for the year of his Mayoralty, by Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhead and Mr Thomas Pym, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Andrew Annesley's receipts	33	18	8
Payments	21	4	0
Remains	12	14	8

[Mg.] Which 14s.8d. was paid to Mr Richard Halhead and spent thereof by consent, 1s.8d.

More due to this House from him for the toll 5 0 0

More due for the rent of the Wool Hall from Mr Phillip Cave 1 0 0

More paid by Mr Annesley by the consent of the Company 5 0 0

More paid by him to Mr Nathaniel Wheatley, which remains in his hands 4 0 0

So rests in Mr Anneslie's hands, due to the Corporation 9 0 0

The account of Mr Nathaniel Wheatley and Mr Aholiab West, Bridgemasters

Receipts	17	18	4
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Payments	17	4	1
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Rests in their hands	14	3	
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Which 14s.3d. was then delivered to Mr George Phillipps.

Received more then by Mr George Phillipps of Elisha

Perryn 5 0

More due from Alice Page for one year's rent in the time of Mr George Robbins 12 0

More in her hands for two years' rent in Mr Nathaniel Wheatley's and Mr Aholiab West's time 1 4 0

More due from Fulke Blincoe for one year's rent 12 0

with 12s. for Blincoe's rent Mr Organ Nicholles, then Mayor, promised to pay to Mr George Phillipps, then Bridgmaster, out of Martin Edens' wages.

Mr John Austen's, Chamberlain's, account.

Rests in his hands upon the last account	3	14	10
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Receipts	27	13	4
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More for the rent roll	1	14	10
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[Total]	33	3	0
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Payments	26	1	4
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Rests	7	0	0
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Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Samuel Blackwell, Henry Hill, constables, have made their account. [No sums given]

[Auditors:] John Webb, Richard Halhed, Thomas Pymme.

1641-2

[f.80] 29 September 1641.

Mr Organ Nicholls, Alderman, chosen Mayor the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy, before Mr Andrew Annesley, last Mayor, Mr Robert Russell, Mr John Awsten, Mr William Allenn, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr [John] Webb, Mr Richard Halhead and Mr [Edward] Beale, aldermen; Mr George Phillipps, Mr William Wheately, Mr Thomas Halhead and Mr [Thomas] Robins, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr John Webb; Mr Richard Halhead; Thomas Pym [Halhead, d.]
 Bridgemasters: Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr Phillipps
 Constables: Samuel Blackwell; William Gilkes; Joseph Awsten; Anthony Hall; all sworn
 Tithingmen: John Dingly; Thomas Tomes; Edward Welchman; Roland Hawse; all sworn
 Tasters: Samuel Sherwood; Francis Vowe; both sworn
 Searchers: Thomas Newman; John Heele; both sworn
 Sergeants: Marten Edens; Ralph Ashmole, both sworn

[79v] 16 October 1641.

This day Thomas Halhead brought in several writings from Mistress Turton* and her son concerning the houses purchased for the use of the poor. Which writings were presently put in the chest.

1 March 1641[2].

Received of Mr George Blunt of Wigginton, Oxon., gentleman, one of the executors of the last will and testament of Mr Samuel Hall**, with the consent of [Anne] Hall, widow, and one other executor to the said Samuel, the sum of £50 for the use of the poor of the Borough of Banbury. Which £50 is to be used for the benefit of the said poor within two years next coming; which is to be approved by the said executors. Memorandum, this note was altered by the consent of Mr Blunt.

Memorandum. The aforesaid £50 was received by Thomas Halhead, one of the burgesses of this Corporation, and by him on this 7 March was repaid to the parties underwritten, who formerly lent those several sums which they have received to Mr John Feynis towards the payment of £100 which the honourable Viscount Saye and Seale laid down to Mr John Howse***, late Vicar of Banbury, on behalf of the town.

* Her husband, John Turton, had died in October 1636, whilst Mayor.

** Samuel Hall, of Barford St. Michael, fourth son of Anthony Hall of South Newington, and brother of Anthony Hall of Banbury, was buried 5 May 1639 at South Newington (see Harl. Soc., v, Visitation of Oxon., p.271), will P.C.C. 1639:75. However, the will, although remembering his brother Anthony, makes no specific legacy to the poor of Banbury.

*** John Howse had been involved in a dispute with local Puritans and Lord Saye and Sele in particular (Beesley, pp.296-8), when, inter alia, the authority for his institution was questioned. A new Vicar, George Harford, was inducted on 17 June 1641.

[f.79v]	viz.	to Mr Organ Nicholls	£	s	d
		to Mr William Allenn	2	10	0
		to Mr Andrew Annesley	5	0	0
		to Mr John Webb	[blank]		
		to Mr Richard Halhead	2	10	0
		to Mr Edward Beale	4	10	0
		to George Phillipps	2	10	0
		to Aholiab West	2	10	0
		to William Wheately	2	10	0
		to Thomas Halhead	8	0	0
		to Thomas Pyme	2	10	0
			5	0	0

[Those described as 'Mr' were aldermen, the others burgesses.]

14 June 1642.

Received of Mr George Blount, of Wigginton, Oxon., and Mistress Anne Hall, of Barford St. Michael, widow, the sum of £50, being the said £50 abovementioned, towards the finishing of a house lately bought of William Turton* of Banbury, ironmonger, situate in the east end of Scalding Lane in Banbury; which house is to be employed for the setting of the poor of Banbury on work; which £50 is the free gift of the said Mr Blunt and Mistress Hall, to be employed to the use before recited and no other ways.

[f.83] The account of Mr Organ Nicholles, late Mayor, taken 31 December 1647, by Mr Edward Beale and Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Richard Vivers being dead**, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Organ Nicholls' receipts	14	13	4
More due to the Incorporation for the tolls	5	0	0
His payments	16	13	4
Rests due from him to the Chamber	3	0	0
More due from Mr Nicholls, which he received of the Glovers' Company	6	8	
And of Gabriel Gubbyn	1	10	

Memorandum. No account was given for the two estreats.

1642-3

[f.82] 29 September 1642.

Mr John Webb, Alderman, chosen Mayor the first Monday of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Organ Nicholles, late Mayor, Mr Richard Vivers, Mr John Austen, Mr [Andrew] Anslowe, Mr Richard Halhead, Mr [Edward] Beale, Mr [George] Phillipps, Mr William Wheately, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr [Thomas] Pyme, Mr Thomas Robins.

Auditors: Mr Richard Vivers; Mr Edward Beale; Mr Thomas Halhead
 Bridgemasters: Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr Phillipps
 Constables: William Robins; James West; Edward Welchman; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Roland Hawse; John Hames; John Vivers; John Kinge; all sworn

* He was son of John, dec'd., and Joan, bapt. 13 February 1618/9.

** Richard Vivers, buried 29 September 1643.

[f.82] Tasters: Edward Weston; Samuel Sherwood; both sworn
 Searchers: John Bently, senior; John Knight; both sworn
 Sergeants: [no entry]

[f.83v] The accounts of Mr John Webb, late Mayor, taken 24 December 1649, by Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Organ Nicholls, and Mr William Hawkins, auditors assigned to take the account 29 September 1645, and took it the said 24 December 1649.

Mr Webb brought in his 'quietus est' and carried it back again.

	£	s	d
Mr John Webb's receipts	5	10	0
His disbursements	28	3	4
Remaining due to him	22	13	4

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Hill, Organ Nicholls, William Hawkins.

12 January 1656[7].

Memorandum. Mr John Webb received of the Corporation £20 in full satisfaction of all debts, reckonings and accounts due to him as Mayor from the Corporation till this day.

[Signature:] John Webb.

1643-4

[f.84] 29 September 1643.

Mr Nathaniel Wheately, Alderman, chosen Mayor elect 25 September in the place of Mr Richard Vivers late Mayor elect*, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr John Webb, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr [John] Austen, Mr [Organ] Nixe [Nicholls], Mr [Aholiab] West, Mr William Wheately, aldermen; Mr [Thomas] Pymme, Mr Thomas Robbins, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr Organ Nicholls; Mr William Hawkins
 Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheately; Thomas Robbins
 Constables: James West; Edward Welchman; John Hames, baker; John Kinge
 Tithingmen: Henry Fox; Robert Gaskoine
 Tasters: Edward Weston, tailor; Samuel Sherwood
 Searchers and sealers: John Bently, senior; John Knight

[f.85] The accounts of Mr Nathaniel Whately, late Mayor, taken 24 December 1649, before Mr William Whately and Mr Thomas Robbins, auditors assigned to take the account with Andrew Ansely, deceased**.

Mr Nathaniel Whately also had his 'quietus est' granted by the Committee of Revenue for the said time of his Mayoralty.

By reason of the disturbances of the times there were neither receipts nor disbursements during the Mayoralty of the said Mr Nathaniel Whately.

[But see repayment by forfeit entered under 1654-5.]

* Mr Richard Vivers, Alderman, buried 29 September 1643.

** Mr Andrew Ansloy [Anslye], Alderman, buried 15 February 1647/8.

1644-6

[f.86] 29 September 1644.

Mr Aholiab West, Alderman, chosen Mayor elect 2 of this September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Organ Nicholles, Mr John Webb, Mr William Wheatly, Mr Thomas Pymm, aldermen; Mr Thomas Robbins and Mr William Hawkins, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Andrew Annesley [Nathaniel Wheatly, d.]; Mr William Wheatly; Mr Thomas Robbins

Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheatly; Mr Thomas Robbins

Constables: John Hams, baker; Roland Hawse; both sworn

Tithingmen: Henry Smith; Thomas Judd; George Maunder; Thomas Dumbleton, all sworn

Tasters: Edward Weston, tailor; Samuel Sherwood; both sworn

Searchers and sealers: John Bentley, senior; John Knight; both sworn

[Beesley, "History of Banbury", pp.423-4.]

House of Lords, 17 June [1646]. "An Ordinance concerning the Government of the Town of Banbury by the now Mayor" was read and agreed to, and ordered to be communicated to the House of Commons with a message to desire their concurrence in the Order. On the following day an answer was returned that the House of Commons agreed to the said Ordinance, which was as follows:-

"Whereas the Borough and Town of Banbury hath been anciently incorporated, and hath had divers privileges granted to it by the Kings and Queens of this Realm, as by divers Charters to them doth appear; and whereas the Government there hath a long time been by a Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Justices of Peace in the said Town, the Mayor for the time being having always been the chief officer, and for the time of his being Mayor having been Justice of the Peace and of the Quorum, within the said Town and Borough and Liberties thereof; and, by their Charter and ancient custom, the Mayor hath been always from time to time chosen out of the Aldermen, upon the first Monday in September yearly, to take his place and execute the office of Mayor within the said Borough and Town of Banbury and Liberties thereof, upon and from the 29th day of the said September, for one whole year then next following: And whereas Aholiab West, gentleman, being then and yet one of the Aldermen of the said Borough, was, upon the first Monday in September 1644, legally chosen to be Mayor for the year then next following, according to the Charter and ancient custom of the said Borough and Town; but, before and upon the first Monday in September 1645, when another Alderman should have been chosen Mayor in his room for this present year, the Town and Borough of Banbury and Castle there were so infested with bloody and cruel enemies, who burnt and pulled down a great part of the said Town, that the Mayor and most of the Aldermen and Burgesses, by reason of their cruelty, were constrained to fly out of the said Town and Borough, to save their Lives, before the said first Monday in September, 1645, and could not with safety return thither again, till of late that the Town and Castle there were reduced to the obedience of the Parliament, so as no choice hath or could be made, according

[Beesley, pp.423-4]

to the Charter and ancient custom of the said Borough, of another Mayor, to succeed the said Aholiab West for the present year.

"It is therefore Ordered and Ordained, by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That the said Aholiab West shall be and continue Mayor, and execute the office and Authority of Mayor, within the said Town and Borough of Banbury, untill the 29th day of September next; his being not chosen upon the first Monday of September last, according to the Charter and ancient customs, or any other act or thing in their Charter, customs, or other wise, to the contrary notwithstanding."

[Book of Accounts, f.87]

The accounts of Aholiab West, late Mayor, taken 21 January 1649[50], by Mr William Allen, Mr Edward Beale, and Mr Thomas Halhed, auditors assigned for the taking of his account.

Mr West has brought in his 'quietus est' at the taking of his account.

	£	s	d
Mr Aholiab West's receipts	12	6	4
His disbursements	16	8	2
Remaining due to him	4	4	2

1646-7

[f.88] 29 September 1646.

Mr Richard Halhead, Alderman, chosen Mayor 7 September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Aholiab West, late Mayor, Mr John Austen, Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel Wheatley, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Edward Beale, Mr William Wheatley, Mr Thomas Pymm, aldermen; Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Thomas Robbins, Mr William Hawkins and Mr James West, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr William Allen; Mr Edward Beale; Mr Thomas Halhead
 Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheatley; Mr Thomas Robbins
 Constables: Mr Obediah Lord; Mr Anthony Hall; Mr Henry Smith; Mr John Austen, junior; all sworn
 Tithingmen: John West; James Wagstaffe; William Hawtaine; William Maunder; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: Thomas Huckhill; John Walmesley, senior; both sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Newman; Anthony Greenhill; both sworn
 Flesh tasters: William Walsoe; Edward Wootton; both sworn

[f.89] The accounts of Richard Halhed, late Mayor, taken 21 January 1649[50], before Mr Aholiab West, Mr William Whately and Mr William Hawkins, auditors.

Mr Richard Halhed's receipts	45	2	6
His disbursements	45	13	0
Remains due to him		10	6

[f.89]

Constables' and Tithingmen's account.

£ s d

Mr Anthony Hall's account

Out of purse

1 6 0

Which was paid to Mr John Wagstaffe, who married his widow, 26 January 1655[/6], by the Chamberlain, by order.

Received by me, John Wagstaffe [signature]*

William Hawtayne's, tithingman's, receipts

3 6

Laid out

9 0

Due to him

5 6

Which was paid to him 18 January 1655[/6] by Mr Webb, by order.

[Auditors:] Aholiab West, William Whately, William Hawkins

Upon a review of Mr Richard Halhed's account we do find

Receipts

45 0 6

Disbursements

46 0 8

So there remains to him, with what we allow him for the tenth part [of] felons' goods and other charges

3 12 0

Memorandum. 20 May 1653. Upon account there remains due to Mr Richard Halhed but 12s.

[Auditors:] William Hawkins, Aholiab West, William Whately.

[f.89v] 26 January 1655[/6].

This day Mr Richard Halhed and his auditors and a great part of the Company met (among other things) about his account and it was mutually agreed that he shall be discharged of the sum of 14s.8d. paid to him upon Mr Ansloe's account; and also of all that appears upon the reviewing of this account written within to be due to the Corporation from him, being £2.10s.3d. And he then brought in his 'quietus est', which was redelivered to him.

Aholiab West, William Hawkins, Auditors.

Richard Halhed [signature].

1647-8

[f.90] 29 September 1647.

Mr Nathaniel Hill, Alderman, chosen Mayor 6 September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Richard Halhead, late Mayor, Mr John Austen, Mr William Allen, Mr Andrew Annesley, Mr Organ Nicholls, Mr John Webb, Mr Aholiab West, Mr William Wheatley, Mr Thomas Pym, Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Thomas Robbins, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Blackwell and Mr James West.

Auditors: Mr Aholiab West; Mr William Wheatley; Mr William Hawkins

Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheatley; Mr Thomas Robbins.

* Anthony Hall, buried 9 September 1652; John Wagstaff, mercer, married Abigail Hall, widow, 24 January 1653/4.

[f.90] Constables: Henry Smith; John Austen; John West; Mr Edward Vivers; all sworn
 Tithingmen: William Hawtaine, junior; William Maunder; Mathew Richardes; Jacob Gascoigne, junior; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: Thomas Huckell; John [Walmesly, senior, d.] Knight; William Walsoe; Edward Wootton; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Newman; John Bentley; both sworn.

[f.91] The accounts of Mr Nathaniel Hill, late Mayor, taken 9 April last past [1649?], by Mr Nathaniel Whately, Mr Thomas Halhed and Mr William Stokes, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Nathaniel Hill's receipts	29	9	8
His disbursements	28	10	10
Remaining in his hands		18	10

Which was paid by Mr Webb as Chamberlain, 26 January 1655[6], together with 11s.10d., in full of all claims to this day.

Memorandum. Allowed on Mr Hill's disbursements	5	10	3
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Which was expended about the Castle and the wood at Forest Hill which is to be paid out of the materials of the Castle.

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Wheatly, Thomas Halhed, William Stokes.

The same day Mr John Austen, Chamberlain, accounted before the above-named from 27 July 1646 until this day.

His receipts	9	1	2
His disbursements	9	7	0
Remains due to him		5	10

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Wheatly, Thomas Halhed, William Stokes.

1648-9

[f.92] 29 September 1648.

Mr William Whately, Alderman, chosen Mayor 4 September, was sworn and took the oath of Supremacy before Mr Nathaniel Hill, late Mayor, Mr John Austen, Mr Nathaniel Whately, Mr Organ Nicholles, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhead, Mr Aholiab West, Mr Thomas Pym, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr William Hawkins, Mr James West and Mr William Stokes.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Whately; Mr Thomas Halhead; Mr William Stokes
 Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Pym; Mr Thomas Robins
 Constables: Mr Edward Vivers; William Maunder; William Perryn, senior; Roland Hawse; all sworn
 Tithingmen: John Traunter; Samuel Reignoldes; William Bloxham, junior; Manasses Plumpton [no entry as to swearing]
 Tasters of victual: Thomas Huckell; John Knight; Richard Pope; James Walsoe [no entry as to swearing]
 Searchers and sealers of leather: John Bentley; Henry Bell [no entry as to swearing]

[Banbury Parish Register, vol. 1, 1558-1653, back fly-leaf]

27 November 1648.

Samuel Welles, Master of Arts, who on 23 September 1648 was inducted as Vicar of Banbury, by Thomas Lodge, Rector of Drayton, read the Thirty-nine articles of Religion, with Ratifications, in the presence of:

William Whately, Mayor
Nathaniel Hill
John Webb
Thomas Halhed
William Hawkins

James West
William Pym
Rowland Hawse
Daniel Eyre

[Of these signatories, only the last three were not members of the Corporation.]

[Book of Accounts, f.93]

The account of Mr William Whately, late Mayor, taken 15 January 1650[1] for the time of his Mayoralty by Mr William Allen, Mr Organ Nixe alias Nicholls and Mr John Hamms, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr William Whately's receipts	20	16	4
His disbursements	35	13	11
Remaining due	14	17	7

Auditors: William Allen, Organ Nicholls, John Hams

12 January 1656[7].

Of the sum remaining due to Mr William Whately there is paid by the direction of the Corporation by

Mr William Allen [pounds figure blotted]	7[?] 18	8
And by the like direction by Mr John Austen	6	8 0
And received more out of estreats	3	0

1649-50

[f.94] 29 September 1649.

Mr Edward Beale, Alderman, chosen Mayor 3 September, was sworn before Mr William Whately, late Mayor, Mr William Allen and Mr Nathaniel Whately, Mr John Webb, Mr Thomas Robbins, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Blackwell, Mr James West, Mr William Stokes, Mr Anthony Hall and Mr John Hams.

Auditors: Mr William Allen; Mr Organ Nixe alias Nicholes; Mr John Hams
Bridgemasters: Mr William Whately; Mr Thomas Robbins
Constables: George Maunder, mercer; James Wagstaffe; William Maunder; William Hautayne; all sworn
Tithingmen: William Butler; Benjamin Hibberdyne; Manasses Plumpton; Samuel Reignalds; all sworn
Tasters of Victual: John Knight; Martin Edens; James Walsoe; Thomas Harvy; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: Henry Bell; Thomas Newman; both sworn

[P.R.O. E.308/3/26, f.20, no.84. Account prepared under an Act for selling all the Fee-farm rents, etc., which were formerly payable to the Crown (passed 11 March 1649/50). The substance of this and related documents is given by Beesley, pp. 445-47, together with an exact transcript of the memorandum on the property of the former Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, p.214. He dates this March 1649/50, presumably by reference to the Act.]

The Borough of Banbury; and the Castle and Hundred of Banbury.

Parcel of lands purchased of John, Earl of Warwick, and afterwards parcel of the possessions of the Bishop of Lincoln.

Feefarm of all that Borough of Banbury, with all the rights, members and appurtenances of all those rents of assize of the free tenants in the Borough of Banbury and of the tenants at will there, per annum £14.6s.0½d.; and of all that tenement there late in the tenure of John Pitman; and all that tenement near the Shambles, late in the tenure of Robert Edans; and all that place or parcel of land near the Bridge, late in the tenure of John Luter, and of all houses, etc., belonging, late in the tenure of John Wase, gent., of the annual rent (with 20s. per annum for a new increase) of £3.11s.8d.; and of all that close of land called Castle Orchard within the Borough or Lordship of Banbury, late in the tenure of William Viscount Say and Seale and others, per annum £2; and all that tenement and garden late in the tenure of John Wase, gent., per annum 18s. (except all that Castle of Banbury and all that Hundred of Banbury with all the rights, liberties, etc.); Which said Borough of Banbury and the rest of the premises there together are mentioned to be of the yearly rent or value of £20.15s.8½d. (except for certain rights); lately granted to William White, William Steventon and John Perkins of London, gentlemen, by letters patent 15 September 5 Charles [1629]; for the yearly rent of £19.15s.8½d.

Memorandum, that the said tenement and garden late in the tenure of John Wase, of yearly rent of 18s.; albeit it has been charged over and above the said sum of £19.15s.8½d. per annum reserved for the Borough; yet the same is expressly granted to White, Steventon and Perkins and is parcel of the rent of £19.15s.8½d., as in the body of this particular of the Borough of Banbury may appear; which said fee farm rent has been in arrear for many years last past, and therefore not comprised in the value of this particular.

Sum. £23.13s.8½d.

[There follow details of the fee-farm of the Castle and Hundred, as outlined by Beesley, pp.446-7.]

Memorandum, that the close called Castle Orchard of the yearly rent of £2 granted to Viscount Say and Seale by letters patent is likewise expressly granted in the very same words at the rent of £2 to White, Steventon and Perkins as above in the particulars of the Borough of Banbury appears; which rent is included in the sum of £19.15s.8½d. reserved for the Borough, which is here omitted to be certified because the said rent of £19.15s.8½d. has been in arrear for many years last past.

[E.308/3/26, f.20, no.84, and Beesley, p.214.]

Memorandum, there are several cottages, lands and tenements in the town of Banbury, parcel of the late Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary there, of the yearly rent of £12.5s.4¹/₂d., which albeit I have certified the same to be in fee farm yet upon better examination having since perused their charter I find the same not to be therein contained, but have been out of lease these eighteen years last or thereabouts; and so the fee of the said lands are now in the trustees by act of Parliament of 17 July 1649 for the sale of the honours, manors and lands of the late King, Queen and Prince; and therefore the same are to be surveyed and disposed of by the said trustees to the best improvement and likewise that provision be made for payment of twelve poor people in Banbury every Lord's day at fourpence apiece, which amounts to per annum, £10.8s.: As for the stipend of an Assistant to the Minister, there be per annum £6.6s.8d. I suppose he is to be referred to the trustees for providing maintenance for preaching ministers and other pious uses. [Further accounts of fee-farms within the parish are to be found under the same reference, at f.4 (Calves Close, etc.), f.8 (watermills, etc.) and f.25 (Richard Taverner), Beesley, pp.446-7.]

[E.307/B3/21, and Beesley, p.446] 10 September 1650.

An Indenture, made by virtue of the Act for selling the fee-farm rents belonging to the Commonwealth of England, disposes of the fee-farm rent of £6.13s.4d. to be received under Queen Mary's charter from the Bailiff Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury for privileges before-mentioned, to Thomas Butler of Deddington. [Fee-farms elsewhere in the county are also covered.]

[E.307/M1/19, and Beesley, pp.446-47] 17 June 1651.

A similar conveyance, made to Francis Martyn of Ewelme, Oxon., disposes of the Borough of Banbury and the rents of assize of the free tenants and tenants at will, etc., exactly as described in the first section of the account on the previous page.

[A similar conveyance, relating to Calves Close, etc., is under reference E.307/S4/9.]

[Book of Accounts, f.95]

The account of Mr Edward Beale, late Mayor, taken 18 January 1655[6], by Mr John Webb and Mr Richard Halhed, surviving auditors.*

	£	s	d
Mr Edward Beale's receipts	24	10	4
His payments	18	16	9
Rests due to the Corporation	5	13	4

At the same time the said Mr Edward Beale brought in his 'quietus est' under Mr Butler's hand.

[Auditors:] John Webb, Richard Halhed.

[inserted later under the above account:]

Memorandum. Four pounds of this [£5.13s.4d.] was paid to the Chamberlain, Mr Webb, 25 April 1656, which Mr Webb accounted for 12 January 1656[7], and is discharged.

* The third auditor, Samuel Blackwell, was buried 30 September 1654.

1650-1

[f.96] 29 September 1650.

Mr Thomas Halhed, Alderman, chosen Mayor 2 September, was sworn before Mr Edward Beale, late Mayor, Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel Whately, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Aholiab West, Mr William Whately, Mr Thomas Robbins, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Blackwell, Mr James West, Mr William Stokes, Mr Anthony Hall and Mr John Hamms.

Auditors: Mr John Webb; Mr Richard Halhed; Mr Samuel Blackwell

Bridgemasters: Mr Edward Beale; Mr Aholiab West

Constables: James Wagstaffe; William Hawtayne; Samuel Reignolds; Manasses Plumpton; all sworn

Tithingmen: William Butler; Benjamin Hibberdine; Richard Hill; Samuel Nicholes; all sworn

Tasters of victual: John Knight; Edward Weston, senior; Peter Wotton; Richard Shawe; all sworn [mg. on right:] Thomas Jordan afterwards sworn by reason of John Knight's sickness*

Searchers and sealers of leather: John Bently; Anthony Greenhill; both sworn.

[f.97] The account of Mr Thomas Halhed, late Mayor, taken 22 March 1651[72], by Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr William Stokes, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Thomas Halhed's receipts	10	9	7
His disbursements	8	18	0
[Indebted to the Incorporation	d.	1	11 7]

[Mg.] Mr Halhed produced his 'quietus est' and still keeps it in his hands ready to produce.

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Wheatly, Nathaniel Hill, William Stokes.

1651-2

[f.98] 29 September 1651.

Thomas Robbins, Alderman, chosen Mayor 1 September, was sworn before Mr Thomas Halhed, late Mayor, Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel Whately, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Organ Nicholes, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Edward Beale, Mr William Whately, Mr William Hawkins, and Mr Samuel Blackwell.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Wheatly; Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr William Stokes

Bridgemasters: Mr Edward Beale; Mr Aholiab West

Constables: Samuel Reignoldes; Manasses Plumpton; William Butler; Benjamin Hibberdyne; all sworn

Tithingmen: Richard Hill; Samuel Nicholes; William Bloxam; Edward Snoxall; all sworn

Tasters of victual: Thomas Jurden; Edward Weston; Peter Wotten; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: John Bentley; Anthony Greenhill; both sworn.

* John Knight, shoemaker, buried 30 September 1651.

[British (Museum) Library. Stowe MS. 184, f.235]

William Lenthall to the Trustees and Contractors sitting at Worcester House.

21 October 1651.

Rolles.

Gentlemen,

There is an annuity of £10.8s. per annum payable to twelve poor men and women within the town of Banbury, of which town I am Recorder; and also a stipend of £6.6s.8d. per annum to an Assistant to the Minister of the said town, which annuity and stipend were usually paid by the Receiver General of Oxon. of the Chantry Rents in the county, or the rents and reversions of the Castle or Manor of Banbury, which rents and manor being now in the State's possession, I do on behalf of the Corporation of Banbury make claim of the said annuity and stipend, and pray that there may be a saving of them the said Corporation; and that the Mayor and Burgesses may have a convenient time assigned them to make good their claims now made by,

Gentlemen,

Your very loving friend and servant,

William Lenthall.

[Book of Accounts, f.98v] 26 February 1651[1/2].

A Copy of the Subscription of those which undertook for and towards the payment of the Maces.

We whose names are underwritten do promise and undertake to deposit and lend to the Chamber of the said Borough the several sums by us severally subscribed for and towards the buying and paying for a new Mace for the said Borough and repairing the old Mace, until such time as the said Chamber shall be able to refund us by course and proportionably according to the sums by us lent and deposited as aforesaid.

Witness our hands the 26th day of February 1651.

Thomas Robins, Mayor, lends	£5	Paid
John Austin gives freely	£1	
William Allen lends	£2.10s.	Paid
Nathaniel Wheatly lends	£2	Paid
Richard Halhed lends	£2	Paid by Mr Robins, Mayor
John Webb lends	£2	Paid
Aholiab West lends	£2	
William Whately lends	£2.10s.	
Thomas Halhed lends	£2	Paid
William Hawkins lends	£2	Paid
William Stokes lends	£2.10s.	Paid
James West lends	£2	Paid
Samuel Blackwell lends	£2	Paid
John Hamms lends	£2	Paid
Anthony Hall lends	£2	Paid

[f.69v] 20 September 1652.

Memorandum, that the clause in the abovewritten order [for text see under 1636-7] (that if any Alderman should thereafter be chosen Mayor and did refuse the same he should pay the sum of £5, which £5 should be given to the next which should succeed Mayor) was this day repealed; and it is now ordered and agreed that the said fine of £5 or any such fine or fines as shall be hereafter imposed upon any Aldermen for refusing shall from time to time be paid to the Chamberlain for the time being for the use of the Corporation; and the rest of the said Order to continue in force.

Thomas Robins, Mayor
William Hawkins
Richard Halhed

William Allen
John Webb
Edward Beale
William Whately
Thomas Halhed
Samuel Blackwell
Edward Langham

James West
William Stokes
Edward Welchman

Thos. Robins major.
William Hawkins
Richard Halhed

William Allen

John Webb

Edward Beale

William Whately

Thomas Halhed

Sam. Blackwell

Edward Langham

James West
William Stokes

Edward Welchman

[f.99] The account of Thomas Robins, late Mayor, taken 3 September 1653, by Mr William Whately, Mr Thomas Halhed and Mr Edward Langham, auditors.

	£	s	d
His receipts	59	13	10
His disbursements	65	14	2
Due to him	6	0	4

[Mg.] Mr Robins produced his 'quietus est' and it was redelivered to him.

[Mg.] Of the money due to Mr Robins, £4.0s.4d. is payable by the Corporation; the rest by assessemnt.

[Auditors:] William Whately
Thomas Halhed
Edward Langham

1652-3

[f.100] 29 September 1652.

Mr William Hawkins, Alderman, chosen Mayor 6 September, was sworn before Mr Thomas Robins, late Mayor, Mr William Allen, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Edward Beale, Mr William Whately, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Samuel Blackwell, Mr James West, Mr William Stokes, Mr Edward Welchman, and Mr Edward Langham.

Auditors: Mr William Whately; Mr Thomas Halhed; Mr Edward Langham
Bridgemasters: Mr William Allen; Mr Samuel Blackwell
Constables: Benjamin Hibberdine; William Butler; John West; Thomas Dumbleton; all sworn
Tithingmen: Samuel Hall; Andrew Harvy; John Ball; Robert Longe; all sworn
Tasters of victual: Thomas Jurden; John Baker; William Walso; Edward Wotton; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Newman; John Heele; both sworn

[British (Museum) Library. Stowe MS. 184, f.160]

The Mayor and Aldermen of Banbury to the Committee of Trustees for sale of Fee Farms, sitting at Worcester House in the Strand.

13 December 1652.

Banbury.

May it please your Honours,

We have received your letter importing your desires in order to the stating of such rents as were payable out of our Borough to the late Crown. In answer whereunto be pleased to be informed that by reason of the several receivers thereof as well as tenants, some whereof at present are far remote, we cannot give you (at first sight) an exact account, but hope by the next term to be clearly informed of the particulars, and then shall, either by some trusty messenger or by an agent of our own, better inform you (if the nature of the business will admit of some delay), if not sooner (if we may have so much intelli-

[Stowe MS. 184, f.160]

gence). Hoping it will not be then unseasonable to crave your assistance in the recovery of two years' arrears of a stipend payable out of the like rents here and in Oxfordshire by Colonel Martyn and others to the Minister and poor of Banbury, in all amounting to £17 per annum or thereabouts, the reprisal whereof by your honours from the said Colonel we with all thankfulness acknowledge.

Gentlemen, we shall not at present further trouble you, but when we have craved pardon for this our tediousness and assured you of our readiness to serve you and the public in what we may, we take leave and subscribe ourselves,

Your honours' obliged friends and servants,

William Hawkins, Mayor
William Allen
Nathaniel Wheatly

John Webb
Nathaniel Hill
Richard Halhed

Aholiab West
Thomas Halhed
Thomas Robins

[British (Museum) Library. Stowe MS. 184, f.278]

The Committee of Trustees for the sale of the Fee Farm Rents, sitting at Worcester House in the Strand, to the Mayor of Banbury.

10 February 1652[3].

Gentlemen,

Upon receipt of your letter of the 13th of December 1652 in answer of ours of the 7th of the same month (wherein you desired time till this last term for you to return unto us a certificate of all the rents which were payable by your town unto the late Crown), we have accordingly expected the said certificate. But we not receiving it according to your promise, do hereby once more desire you, for the service of the State, to send the same unto us, with all possible speed; And, so expecting a speedy answer from you,

We are, Gentlemen,

Your very affectionate friends,

Ri. Sydenham, R. Harison, Car. Cooke, Tho. Ayres, Th. Coke[?]

[Stowe MS. 185, f.5]

The Mayor and Aldermen of Banbury to the Trustees for the sale of Fee Farm Rents at Worcester House.

3 June 1653.

Banbury.

Honoured Gentlemen,

We do with much thankfulness [acknowledge] your care on our (or rather) our poor's behalf. Your Honours were pleased to reprice us out of Colonel Martin's purchase £16.14s.8d. per annum, and it was our real intention to have taken some rents issuing out of our own Town for our security (though by our letters patent or your Honours' order we are not confined so strictly). But finding one rent (conceived most certain) to prove (as your Honours' conceive) demisable and the lease

[Stowe MS. 185, f.5]

extinct, and the other of £19.5s. at present obscured, we were altogether discouraged from meddling with such security and did and still do resolve to cast ourselves upon your honours (being encouraged thereto by experience) rather than to accept of the before mentioned rents so long as they continue thus uncertain; that which we have to present to your Honours is that you would be pleased to continue your wonted sure that our annual pension may be secured according to your order, and if hereafter we shall see occasion and the rents prove good we may release the Colonel of his charge, and take the rents in our own hands. Truly, Gentlemen, if this business had concerned our own interest we durst not have so far intrenched upon your patience; But being a charitable work wherewith God is well pleased we hope you will be pleased to excuse,

Gentlemen, Your honours' servants,

William Hawkins, Mayor

William Allen

Tim. Harris,

John Webb

Town Clerk

Richard Halhed Aldermen

Thomas Halhed

Pray be pleased to let Colonel Martin's deed be tripartite; that so we may have something under his hand and seal for our money. We hope this will not prove unreasonable to your Honours or your Council. We are incorporated by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Chief Burgeses of the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxon.

[P.R.O. E.317/8 Oxon.]

A Survey of several tenements with certain parcels of ground with their rights and members and appurtenances thereof lying and being within the Town of Banbury ... parcel of the possessions of Charles Stuart late King of England, made and taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed, in the month of July 1653 ...

St. John's Street

A messuage or tenement of about 7 rooms in possession of Rowland Archer gent., in St. John's Street, extending to the gable end at the north end, with a courtyard and part of a garden, bounded with St. John's Street east, the housing and lands of Mr Archer to the south, and contained in the whole estimated one rood; an improved rent we value to be worth: £8 0 0

A tenement of about 3 rooms in possession of Thomas Coale, bounded with that of George Richardson to the south, the street to the east, with garden and backside, 80 ft. long by 30 ft. wide; improved rent: £2 0 0

A tenement in possession of Elizabeth Webb, widow, of 4 rooms, bounded by the street to the west, with yard and backside, 67 ft. long by 22 ft wide; improved rent £2 5s 0

A tenement in possession of John Wise, of 4 rooms, with yard and backside, 67 ft. by 32 ft., bounded with the street to the west and Widow Webb's to the south; improved rent £2 0 0

North Bar Street

A piece of ground whereon two tenements lately stood, but destroyed by fire in the late war, in the occupation of John Owhen[?], bounded by the tenement in possession of [blank] Watts, widow, to the south, and North Bar Street west, 126 ft. by 90 ft.; improved rent £1 0 0

A tenement or cottage in occupation of Robert Sanders, consisting of 2 rooms, bounded with his own house south and the street west, 128 ft. by 20 ft.; improved rent £1 0 0

Pasover Hartley, one tenement or cottage, of 2 rooms, bounded with the churchyard south and the street west, 140 ft. by 15 ft.; improved rent 16s. 0

A tenement or cottage in possession of Elizabeth Kemble, widow, burnt in the late war, whereof part is now built, bounded with the street east, and the tenement of John West north, 160 ft. by 31 ft.; worth 16s. 0

A tenement in possession of Josias Jakman, of 4 rooms with a barn and backside, 102 ft. by 30 ft., bounded by the street to the south and Henry Youcke [name inserted later] east, worth £3 0 0

West als. Bull Bar Street

A tenement in possession of Martin Kening, about 4 rooms, in the front 30 ft., bounded with the street to the south; improved rent £2 0 0

West als. Bull Bar Street [contd.]

A tenement in possession of William Share [Shaw?], about 4 rooms, bounded with the street south and the tenement in possession of William Kening to the east, 90 ft. by 30 ft., worth £2 0 0

Sheep Street

Three tenements or cottages in possession of William Boodle, gent., or his assigns, late Gamaliell Nicholuson [Nicholls], about 10 rooms, 85 ft. by 80 ft., bounded by Sheep Street west and the tenement of John Wise to the south; improved rent £5 0 0

A tenement now in possession of John Beasent, of about 4 rooms, 60 ft. by 30 ft., bounded with the street to the north and the tenement of [blank] French to the east; worth £2 0 0

A tenement in possession of Robert French, gent., or his assigns, 44 ft., about 6 rooms, bounded by Sheep Street north and the tenement of Mr Knight to the east; improved rent £5 0 0

A tenement in possession of William Knight, gent., about 4 rooms, bounded with the street north and Mr French west; improved rent £1 10s. 0

That other tenement in possession of the said Knight or his assigns, bounded with the street north, about 4 rooms; improved rent £1 10s. 0

A tenement in possession of William Weston or his assigns, about 6 rooms, 100 ft. by 30 ft., bounded by Sheep Street south and the tenement of the Widow Sutton east; improved rent £4 5s. 0

A tenement in possession of Elizabeth Nicholuson, widow,* about 6 rooms, the street north and the tenement of Andrew Harvey, east, 100 ft. by 45 ft.; improved rent £3 0 0

A tenement in possession of Alice Wheeler, widow, about 5 rooms, 110 ft by 28 ft., bounded by Sheep Street south; improved rent £4 10s. 0

A tenement of about 6 rooms in possession of Nathaniel Wheatley, gent., in the front 27 ft. bounded with the street north and his own land east; improved rent £6 0 0

A tenement of about 3 rooms in possession of Richard Vivers, gent., the street south, the tenement of [blank] Clarke to the east, in the front 20 ft.; improved rent £2 0 0

Those three tenements in possession of Mr Vivers or his assigns, of some 10 rooms, in tenure of Samuel Sheerwood, Richard Bigerstaffe and Edward Weston, in the front 90 ft., bounded by Sheep Street to the south; improved rent £8 0 0

The Shambles

James West, in occupation of Widow Potter, two shops with other rooms, the tenement of William Mander east and the Leather Hall there to the west, 30 ft. by 13 ft.; improved rent £3 0 0

* See B.H.S. 14, no.349, Hamden Nicholls.

[Church Lane]

William Pering, one little tenement with a shop in Church Lane in occupation of Richard Cockett; improved rent £2 0 0

Coule Bar Street

A tenement in possession of Nathaniel Hill late [blank] Bentley and consisting of about 4 rooms, in the front 40 ft.; improved rent £4 0 0

Calthorpe Lane

All that piece of waste ground whereon a Maulting house lately stood, destroyed by fire in the late war, whereon is a little cottage newly built at the south end thereof, 80 ft. by 15 ft., Calthorpe Lane to the east; improved rent 15s. 0

Beast Market

Nathaniel Vivers, gent., one tenement of 4 rooms in occupation of Elizabeth Glouer, widow, the Beast Market Street to the north, one rood; improved rent £3 10s. 0

A tenement, late the Widow Gulliver, now in occupation of [blank] Plampton or his assigns, about 3 rooms, one rood, the street to the north, Nathaniel Vivers to the west; improved rent £5 0 0

Those 2 cottages now in possession of Nathaniel Browne and the other in possession of William Reason situate at the south end of the last mentioned 2 tenements (viz. in occupation of Elizabeth Glover and [blank] Plampton); worth £1 10s. 0

That piece or parcel of ground whereon a Maulting house lately stood, late Pettifer's, destroyed by fire in the late war, the street to the north and the land of Richard Pirkins east and Mr Hope west; improved rent 12s. 0

A garden plot, late Bentley's, near the Bridge, the street south, Nathaniel Vivers, gent., east, 35 perch; worth 12s. 0

A plot of ground lying waste whereon a tenement lately stood, William Boodle's, gent., destroyed by fire in the late war, the street south, Mill Lane north, nine perch; improved rent 2s. 0

A parcel of waste ground where a tenement lately stood, destroyed by fire in the late war, in tenure of [blank] Read, widow, the Beast Market south, late the Widow Greene land the Hog Market west; worth 5s. 4d

A parcel of waste ground whereon 2 tenements lately stood, destroyed by fire in the late war, in tenure of Richard Bloxham and Thomas Penn, containing 4 perch; worth 3s. 4d

Part of the house or tenement now in possession of William Hawkins, Mayor of the town of Banbury, being part of his Parlour, at the east end thereof, 14 ft. by 10 ft.; worth £1 0 0

A parcel of ground whereon a barn lately stood, burnt by fire in the late war and now incompassed within the lands of Mr Vivers with a stone

[Mill Lane]

wall near Mill Lane, which barn did consist of 4 bays of building with a backside; the rent belonging to the soil thereof we value to be worth 6s. 8d

An abstract.

The value of the forenamed premises according to the forementioned particulars comes to

£90 13s. 4d

The forenamed several persons claimeth the said premises in fee farm, but they making no such title to us upon survey thereof, by reason whereof we refer the same to be cleared before your Honourable the Trustees:

Hugh Webb
William Mar
Rowland Brasbridge

3 February 1652[3], discovered then by Captain Thomas Buttler.

Perfected 22 August 1653.

[An abstract of this survey will be found in Beesley, History of Banbury, pp. 447-48 - however the names of the tenants are omitted.]

[Book of Accounts, f.101]

The account of Mr William Hawkins, late Mayor, taken 18 January 1655[6] by Mr Aholiab West, now Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly and Mr Edward Welchman, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr William Hawkins' receipts	22	11	0
His payments	21	10	8
Due to the Corporation	1	0	4

Which was paid at the same time to the Chamberlain

26 January 1655[6], paid to Mr Hawkins by the Chamberlain for the Crown pool bank 10 0

At the same time Mr William Hawkins brought in his 'quietus est' under Mr Butler's hand.

At the same time Mr Hawkins charged himself with the receipt of £2 from Justinian Churchill in part of his fine for his freedom, which is part of the £22.11s.0d. accounted for.

[Auditors:] Aholiab West, Nathaniel Wheatly, Edward Welchman.

1653-4

[f.102] 29 September 1653.

Mr William Allen, Alderman, chosen Mayor 1 September, was sworn before Mr William Hawkins, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatley, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Edward Beale, Mr Aholiab West, Mr William Whately, Mr Thomas Halhed and Mr Thomas Robins, aldermen; and Samuel Blackwell [and Edward Welchman, two, d.] one of the chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Wheatly; Mr Aholiab West; Mr Edward Welchman

Bridgemasters: Mr John Webb; Mr Samuel Blackwell

Constables: George Anslow; Roland Hawes; Thomas Dumbleton; all sworn

Tithingmen: William Wheatly, junior; Andrew Harvy; William Perryn, junior; Robert Long; all sworn

Tasters of victual: Thomas Jurden; John Baker; William Walso; Edward Wootton; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Newman; John Heele; both sworn.

[f.104] The account of Mr William Allen, late Mayor, taken 18 January 1655[6], by Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Thomas Robins and Mr John Hamms, auditors.

Mr William Allen's receipts	48	9	5
His payments	40	0	0
Remains due to the Corporation	8	8	8

Whereof 10s. was paid by him the same day.

12 January 1656[7].

Memorandum. Mr William Allen paid the sum of £7.18s.8d. to Mr William Whately, being his full debt due upon this account, whereof he is discharged by order of the Corporation.

At the same time Mr Allen brought in his 'quietus est' under Mr Butler's hand, which was redelivered.

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Hill [signs twice], Thomas Robins, John Hams.

1654-5

[f.103] Mr John Austen, Alderman, chosen Mayor 4 September, was sworn before Mr William Allen, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Edward Beale, Mr Thomas Robins and Mr William Hawkins, aldermen; and Mr James West, Mr William Stokes, Mr Edward Welchman and Mr Edward Langham, chief burgesses.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr Thomas Robins; Mr John Hams
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Webb; Mr James West
 Constables: George Ansloe; Andrew Harvy; Robert Long; William Bloxham; all sworn
 Tithingmen: John Ball; William Wheatly; William Perryn, junior; Thomas Cole; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: Richard Shaw; Richard Pope; Thomas Jurden; John Baker; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: John Bently; Anthony Greenhill; both sworn.

[f.105] The account of Mr John Austen, late Mayor, taken 18 January, 1655[6], by Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Edward Beale and Mr Edward Langham, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr John Austen's receipts	14	10	3
His payments	5	1	4
Rests due to the Corporation	9	8	11

Memorandum, that in consideration that Mr John Austen will lend his best help and advice to the present Chamberlain in the receiving of rents due to the Corporation and in all such matters as shall concern his office, the Corporation have consented to allow him the sum of £3 out of the said £9.8s.11d. due to them from him.*

[Auditors:] Nathaniel Wheatly, Edward Beale, Edward Langham.

12 January 1656[7].

Memorandum. Mr John Austen has paid to Mr William Whately £6 by consent of the Corporation in part of his debt due upon this account. So there remains now 8s.11d., besides the £3 above-mentioned.

18 January 1655[6].

The Corporation is indebted to Mr Nathaniel Wheatly £14 and upwards which has been long overdue. The Corporation therefore with the consent of Mr Wheatly has agreed to give him the use of a brown gelding, a forfeit belonging to them from the time of the mayoralty of Mr William Allen, in full satisfaction of all owing to him by the Corporation.

[signature:] Nathaniel Wheatly.

26 January 1655[6], in the presence of a great part of the Corporation, Mr John Webb made his account as Chamberlain for the several years unaccounted for.

Receipts	100	6	0
Payments	73	15	4
Due to the Corporation	26	10	8

Which was discharged upon his account, 12 January 1656[7], except the £3.19s.1d. which is still due.

* John Austen had been Chamberlain since 1628.

1655-6

[There is no record of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials for 1655-6. Earlier published lists have incorrectly named the Mayor as Nathaniel Hill. As appears from a reference under 1652-3, at the audit dated 18 January 1655/6, as well as in the lawsuit quoted below, the Mayor was in fact Aholiab West. There are no accounts on record for this year either.]

[In 1657 members of the Corporation were involved in a lawsuit in Chancery over their attempt to remove the weekly sheep-market from Sheep Street, where it was traditionally held, to a new site on 'waste' owned by the Corporation. An account of the whole dispute has appeared in "Cake and Cockhorse", 7, 2 (Spring 1977), 'Trouble over Sheep Pens', pp. 35-48, and here only the interrogatories and depositions that throw light on Corporation affairs are quoted. The events themselves took place between February 1655/6 and April 1656.]

[P.R.O. E.134/1657-8/H(ilary) 23]

Interrogatory on behalf of Edmond Prideaux Esquire, his Highness Attorney General and on behalf of Daniel Eyre, Thomas Goodwyn, John Nicholls otherwise Nixe and other Defendants, to take evidence, provided that Barnabas Horseman, gent., has 10 days' notice.

Witness: Robert Nicholas of Westminster, 28 November 1657.

Depositions of witnesses taken at the Unicorn in Banbury on Monday 4th January 1657 before William Myn, gent., Commissioner.

For the prosecution:

Qy. 3. Do you know if the Corporation are farmers or patentees of the waste grounds and streets in Banbury, and what yearly rent is paid for the same?

No replies.

Qy. 4. Is the copy of an order concerning the removal of the Sheep-market dated 27 February 1655[6] a true copy of an order made by the Corporation remaining entered in a certain book or register wherein orders concerning the Borough and other public business are entered?

Samuel French, of Banbury, one of the Sergeants at Mace, aged 37:

It is, and he was present at its making, and it was published openly in the Sheep Market on 17 April 1656 and the two next Market Days, and Aholiab West, then Mayor, Nathaniel Wheatley and William Allen, two Justices of the Peace, were present.

John Hawes, one of the Sergeants at Mace, aged 43:
Identical statement to Samuel French.

Timothy Harris, of Banbury, gent. [Town Clerk], aged 33:
There was an order bearing date 27 February 1655[6] made by the Corporation's assent at the Common Hall there, was in April proclaimed by one of the Sergeants at Mace in presence of Aholiab West, then Mayor, and other Aldermen and Burgesses, but

the order did not receive the obedience unto it as was by them expected.

Qy.10. Also what rent has been paid by the Mayor to Parliament for the waste grounds and other privileges?

No replies.

Interrogatory on behalf of Daniel Eyre, gent., Thomas Goodwin, gent., John Nicholls, Organ Nicholls otherwise Nix, Robert Wise, John Yate, William Weston, Hugh Candy, Thomas Williams and Thomas Harvey, defendants.

Qy.4. How many fairs are used a year in Banbury?

Richard Redman, of Calthorpe, yeoman, aged 102:
There are eight or nine fairs a year.

John Richards the elder, of Neithrop, yeoman, aged 80:
Seven ancient fairs and since the last Charter, two new fairs.

William Thorpe, of Neithrop, gent., aged 70:
Eight or nine fairs.

John Nutt, of Deddington, mercer, aged 42:
Eight or nine fairs.

George Elkington, of Deddington, innholder, aged 67:
Nine fairs.

Qy.7. Did you see the lease to Organ Nicholls als Nix with the Borough Seal, whereby he enjoys the benefit of setting a pen by the wall of his house and to take the profit thereof, and what is it worth without this benefit?

Richard Halhed, of Banbury, gent., Alderman of the Borough, aged 55:

There was a conference of a lease to be granted by the Mayor and Corporation to the defendant Organ Nicholls of a messuage or tenement in Sheep Street, and it was agreed by the Corporation and Organ Nicholls that he should pay the Corporation the yearly rent of £3, and also the yearly rent of £3 more for the sheep ground.

Robert Winge, of Bodicote, yeoman, aged 60:
The house and sheep pens worth £7 per year; but the house alone worth £3; since the disturbance not near so much worth, the market being almost spoiled.

William Perrin, of Banbury, saddler, aged 44 [torn in parts]:
The lease now shown him is sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation and he believes that the Common Seal of the Borough beareth the impression of the Sun and Shield and the impression of the seal wherewith the lease is sealed has the same impression which he conceives to be the Arms of the Borough of Banbury.

Qy.8. Does the Corporation receive the profits of this messuage for their own uses or as feofees for charities and what do they do with them?

Richard Halhed:

The £3 rent payable for the house is employed for a charitable use and not to the benefit of the Corporation.

Philip Cave, of Banbury, brasier, aged 58:

George Ansley this deponent's fellow Churchwarden of the parish of Banbury about Michaelmas last received of Organ Nicholls £3 for a half year's rent for a house which he holds by lease of the Corporation and the rent was received for the use of the poor of Banbury and some part of it is already distributed and the rest will be unless the Mayor calls for it again.

George Anesley, of Banbury, gent., aged 56:

Being one of the Churchwardens did receive of Robert Wise by appointment of Organ Nicholls £3 wanting 2s.4d. for taxes, which £3 was for a half year's rent for a messuage in Sheep Street which Organ Nicholls held by lease from the Corporation; and the money is employed for the use of the poor, save only 10s. which Mr Nathaniel Wheatly demanded to bestow upon ten poor widows according to the donor's will.

Qy.9. What yearly profit and benefit by stallage and toll of cattle, freedoms and other profits, benefit and advantages do the Mayor and Corporation get and receive by virtue of their office and how do they employ the same?

Thomas Sheapherd, of Calthorpe, maltster, aged 54:

He hath heard that the Corporation do make yearly by toll of cattle, piccage and stallage and other benefits which they receive by virtue of their Charter, the sum of £40 at least.

Thomas Coles, of Banbury, aged 40 [had already appeared for the prosecution; one of the lessees of the new sheep-ground; and had been a tithingman in 1654-5]:

Not able to give any account of what profit and benefit the Mayor and Corporation get by toll, piccage and stallage, but only that he with one John Jarvis do rent the toll of the sheep-market of the Corporation at the yearly rent of twenty marks.

Philip Cave:

The Mayor and Corporation do yearly receive toll of cattle, piccage and stallage, but to what sum the same does yearly amount he knows not; and likewise money for making men free of the Borough, of some more and of some less according as they can agree, and he (this deponent) himself paid the Corporation for his freedom £10 besides £10 more which he gave to the Company whereof he was made free.

Edward Weston, of Banbury, yeoman, aged 47:

Deponent having been formerly Sergeant at Mace for the time being for six or seven years does know the Corporation do yearly receive for piccage and stallage £14 or thereabouts; and during this time there were several men made free of the Borough, some paid 50s., some £5 and some £8 to the Corporation for their several freedoms; and no stranger can come to inhabit within the Borough but must compound with the Corporation.

James Steward, of Banbury, aged 40 [torn, trade lost]:

The Corporation receive for every score of sheep that are sold in the sheep market there 8d. for toll except it be freemen and do likewise receive picage and stallage of those that use stalls in the market except it be freemen; Thomas Coles, one that rents the toll of the sheep, with one Jervis, of the Corporation, told this deponent he had bargained for the sheep toll for the yearly rent of twenty [marks]; the Corporation do receive several [sums] of money for making men free of the Borough, of some £5, of some £6 or £7 of some men, according as they can agree.

Thomas Williams, of Banbury, tailor, aged 21:

He heard from John Kinge who is a servant of the Corporation for weighing of wool in the wool market declare he had paid to the Chamberlain for the use of the Corporation £18 for last year's profits which he had received by the wool-beam in weighing wool and was paid his wages out of the profit of the wool-beam over and besides.

[torn], of Banbury, carpenter:

... rents from the Corporation ... the toll of beasts and hogs ... the yearly rent of £14.

William Perrin: [torn]:

He hath heard a sufficient man living ... borough of Banbury say that if the Corporation ... would let him have and enjoy the benefit of the wool beam that is used ... he would give them £50 by the year; and further heard one John Kinge that is wool-weigher for the Mayor ... say that he John Kinge did pay to the Chamberlain ... for the use of the Corporation ... which he had got and received for the profit of weighing of [wool] for the last year over and besides his wages for keeping the [wool beam]...[he] further saith that the Corporation ... money by freedoms and he has known the Mayor ... receive for making a man free of the [Borough] ... pounds and has heard they have received ... of £20 apiece ...

[torn, but probably Edward Bosse], of Banbury, barber, aged 60:
... making men free ... Thomas Sutton ... for his freedom.

[torn], of Oxon., gent., aged 30:

... has for many years kept the toll book for horses ... only as a servant to Mr Pym then Town Clerk... his appointment the present town clerk there says ... there has been received £5 and upwards ... same has been yearly worth £3 and upwards.

Martin Kenninge, freemason, aged 50 [torn]:

... Samuel Reynolds rents the new sheep ground for £30 ...

Qy.12. Did the defendants or any of them desire a reverence or tender and offer reverence to the Mayor and Corporation before any suit was begun or disturbance made in the market by the Mayor and Corporation; and were the Corporation at any meeting convened at the Hall or elsewhere and when and by whom by name of the Mayor and Corporation was the same accepted and by whom refused and did those that refused overrule those that accepted and so [illegible]

and what have the Corporation offered to give the defendants or agreed to offer for [illegible]?

Richard Halhed:

The defendant Daniel Eyre being at this deponent's house at supper, and his brother Thomas Halhead one of the Aldermen, before any suit began, did declare that if the Mayor and Corporation would choose one lawyer or two, the defendants would do the like and refer the difference to them, whereupon Mr Thomas Halhead answered that it was a very fair motion of him and that he would acquaint Mr Mayor therewith, but he knows not whether the same were moved by Mr Thomas Halhead to the Mayor.

Qy.13. Is the yearly rent of £6.13s.4d. paid from the Mayor and Corporation under the Charter to the Protector or is the same sold to you or to any other person?

John Nutt:

The yearly rent of £6.13s.4d. to be paid from the Mayor and Corporation to King James was lately purchased by one Major Thomas Butler of the States and has been paid to him for the last three or four years, and Major Butler has offered to sell it to this deponent.

Richard Halhed:

The yearly rent of £6.13s.4d. reserved to the late King James from the Mayor and Corporation has for two or three years last past been paid to one Mr Butler of Deddington, who has purchased the same.

Philip Cave:

The rent of £6.13s.4d. reserved from the Mayor and Corporation to the late King James upon his Charter to them is paid to Mr Butler who he has heard has purchased the same.

Edward Weston:

The yearly rent reserved from the Mayor and Corporation to the late King has for four years been paid to one Major Butler.

Thomas Butler, of Deddington, esquire, aged 36:

On 29 September 1650 the deponent did purchase of the Trustees for sale of fee-farm rents sitting at Worcester House in the Strand the fee-farm rent of £6.13s.4d. reserved from the Mayor and Corporation to the late King James upon his Charter to them granted; and yearly ever since he so bought the rent only received the same of the Mayor or some other person by their appointment, they deducting 15s. yearly charged on the rent which he has always allowed of.

Qy.16. In 1655 when Aholiab West was Mayor were there several ameracements made by the jury at the Court Leet then held for the Borough and what did the same amount to, whether to £13 or £14 and was the same estreated and to whose use was the same levied and received; whether at every Leet held for the Borough are the ameracements made to a considerable sum of money and to whose use levied and received, whether for the Mayor for the time being, or

for the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, or what other use?

Philip Cave:

When Aholiab West was Mayor in 1655 this deponent served on the jury at the court leet they held for Banbury and the amerancements of the court did at that time amount to twenty marks, but whether the same was estreated he knows not; but he says he conceives that the amerancements of the court leet do come to the Mayor's hands for the time being for the use of himself and the Aldermen.

Edward Weston:

While this deponent was Sergeant there has been estreated and collected of the amerancement of several court leets some years £5, some years £6, some years £7, some times more, some times less, which has been paid to the Mayor for the use of himself, the Aldermen and Burgesses.

In addition to the three deponents on behalf of the prosecution, or Corporation, (the two sergeants at mace and the town clerk) already quoted, the following five prosecution deponents also had connections with the Corporation:

William Wheatly, saddler, aged 33; constable.

Andrew Harvey, tanner, aged 40; constable.

John Ball, bookseller, aged 40; tithingman in 1654-5.

Josiah Jackman, mercer, aged 38; constable in 1657-8.

Robert Long, silk-weaver, aged 40; constable in 1654-5.

Two other deponents, Thomas Coles, tithingman in 1654-5, and Richard Halhead, alderman, made depositions for both sides - the latter with evident reluctance for the prosecution.

1656-7

[As in 1655-6, there is no record of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials for the year 1656-7. As shown in the account quoted below, and in the audit for the year, the Mayor was Nathaniel Wheatly.]

[Warwickshire County Record Office.]

Black Book of Warwick (CR 1618/W. 19/6), f.286.]

[For Thomas Oken's will, the origin of this ceremony, see under 1574.]

22 June 1657. The tender of £40 by Banbury; and of £40 by Stratford upon Avon.

On Saturday 6 June 1657 Mr John Webb of Banbury and Mr Richard Hunt of Stratford upon Avon came to Mr Robert Warner, then Bailiff of Warwick, at his house in the Church Street, and on behalf of their several Corporations desired a day might be agreed on for the tender of the two several £40 given by Mr Oken to their several boroughs, and which every fourth year they are to tender to the bailiff and burgesses of Warwick. Mr Bailiff sending for some of his brethren, Monday 22 June was appointed at the house of Moses Holloway called the Great Swan, in Warwick. At which day and place by 10 o'clock, Mr Nathaniel Wheateley, Mayor of Banbury, and Mr Francis Smith, Bailiff of Stratford

upon Avon, with their several Companies came. Mr Bailiff of Warwick and his brethren went to them and after some friendly salutations and a glass of wine or two, they went to St. Mary's Church in order, vizt. the Bailiff of Warwick, with the Mace before him, the Mayor of Banbury, and the Bailiff of Stratford, in one rank, the Mr Anige of Warwick, Mr Allen of Banbury and Mr Hickop of Stratford in the second rank, and so a Warwick man, a Banbury man and a Stratford man, three in a rank all along. Mr Mayor of Banbury brought with him Mr Maunder, Minister of Cropredy, who preached the sermon. After that ended, they returned all to the Swan for dinner, where Mr Venour, Minister of St. Mary's, said grace, and concluded with the Lord's Prayer, according to Mr Oken's will. Dinner ended, the Mayor of Banbury tendered their £40 to the Bailiff and burgesses of Warwick upon the table, which was not counted, but accepted and returned to him, the like was done for Stratford, and several notes were subscribed by the Bailiff and burgesses of Warwick then present, testifying the several tenders, the copies whereof hereafter follow. This being done the reckoning was brought up, which came to £6.16s.6d., at 2s. ordinary, and for wine and tobacco, which was paid equally, by the Bailiff of Warwick, the Mayor of Banbury and the Bailiff of Stratford, £2.5s.6d. apiece.

[m.] A note under the hands of the Bailiff and burgesses of Warwick, testifying the tender of £40 by Banbury.

[m.] Banbury is bound, not only to tender the £40, but to give a note also of the names of the parties, and their sureties that have it.

The day and year above written the sum of £40 given by Mr Oken deceased to the Town of Banbury to be lent to poor tradesmen there, was this day brought in and tendered here according to Mr Oken's will, and covenants indented thereupon made, and this tender was made by Mr Nathaniel Wheateley, Mayor; Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhead, Mr Aholiab West, Mr Thomas Robbys, and Mr James West, Aldermen; Mr William Stokes, Mr John Hamms, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smith and Mr John Russell, chief Burgesses of Banbury, to the Bailiff and Burgesses of Warwick. [There follows a list of their names, and similar details for Stratford.]

[Book of Accounts, f.106]

The account of Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, during the time of his Mayoralty, taken 6 July 1659, before Mr Thomas Halhead, Mr Thomas Robins, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Nathaniel Wheatly's receipts	0	0	0
His disbursements	1	8	0

6 July 1659. Memorandum.

Mr Nathaniel Hill, Bridgemaster for 1656 and 1657, brought in his account to Michaelmas 1657.

Receipts	13	18	5
Disbursements	9	2	2
Rests in his hands	4	16	3

[f.106] 21 March 1659[/60].

The abovesaid Mr Nathaniel Hill finished his account thus: by payment of £4.10s. to Mr Samuel Reignolds, one of this Company, and the other 6s.3d. he has given an account for so much money disbursed: all which is allowed by the auditors.

1657-8

[f.107] 29 September 1657.

Mr James West, elected Mayor 7 September, this day was sworn before Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, last Mayor, Mr John Austen, Mr William Allen, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr William Stokes, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Edward Langham and Mr Henry Smith.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Halhed; Mr Thomas Robins; Mr William Stokes
 Bridgemasters: Mr Richard Halhed; Mr William Stokes
 Constables: Nathaniel Wheatly; William Perrin, junior; Josiah Jackman; John Wagstaffe; all sworn
 Tithingmen: William Hawkins; John Langham; John Austen; Henry Stokes; all sworn
 Tasters of victual: James Walso; Edward Walforne; Thomas Jurden; Richard Welford; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: John Bently; Anthony Greenhill; both sworn

[f.108] 26 October 1660.

The account of Mr James West, late Mayor, taken before Edward Welchman, Mayor, one of the auditors, and Mr Nathaniel Hill, another auditor, in the presence of Mr Nathaniel Wheatly.

	£	s	d
Receipts	57	18	0
Disbursements	66	10	4
Rests due to him	8	12	4

This last sum is allowed and entered in the general account bearing date 31 October 1660.

1658-9

[f.109] 29 September 1658.

Mr John Hamms, elected Mayor 6 September, this day was sworn before Mr James West, last Mayor, Mr John Austen, Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Aholiab West, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Edward Langham, Mr Henry Smith, Mr John Austen, Mr Benjamin Hibberdine, Mr Samuel Reinolds and Mr William Hawtayne.

Auditors: Mr Nathaniel Hill; Mr Edward Welchman; Mr Edward Langham*
 Bridgemasters: Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Samuel Rennolds
 Constables: Josiah Jackman; Henry Stokes; William Cure; Samuel Langham; all sworn

* Edward Langham does not sign the audit, 26 October 1660, above.

[f.109] Tithingmen: John Austen, med.[?]; Henry King; Henry Hill;
Benjamin Newman; all sworn
Tasters of victual: Thomas Jurden; Richard Walford; Richard Shaw;
Richard Pope; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: Anthony Greenhill; Samuel Newman;
both sworn.

[f.110] 15 December 1660.

The account of Mr John Hamms, late Mayor, taken before Mr James West, Mr Samuel Rennolls, auditors, in the presence of Mr Welchman, present Mayor, and Henry Smyth, another auditor.

	£	s	d
His receipts	1	0	0
More paid out of his Mayoralty	20	0	0
	[Sum total]		
	21	0	0
His disbursements	14	5	0
Remains to be paid	6	15	0
Whereof he paid towards the altering of the new Mace	3	0	0
Remains due from him to the Corporation upon account audited 3 January 1661[2]	3	15	0

[Auditors:] James West, Henry Smith, Samuel Rennolls.

This sum is justified and he is discharged, 27 January 1663[4].

1659-60

[f.111] 29 September 1659.

Mr John Webb, elected Mayor 5 September, this day was sworn before Mr John Hamms, Mayor [sic], Mr Nathaniel Wheatley, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr James West, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Benjamin Hibberdine, Mr John Austen, Mr Samuel Reighnolds and Mr William Wheatley.

Auditors: Mr James West; Mr Henry Smyth; Mr Samuel Reighnolds
Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Halhead; Mr Samuel Reighnolds
Constables: Mr William Hawkins; William Cure; Henry Stokes; John Austen; all sworn
Tithingmen: Mr William Halhead; Henry Kinge; Benjamin Newman; Henry Hill; all sworn
Tasters of victual: Richard Pope; Richard Shawe; Thomas Jordan; Richard Wellford; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Clarke; Richard Wilkins; both sworn.

[f.112] 15 December 1660.

The account of Mr John Webb, late Mayor, taken before Mr Edward Welchman, present Mayor, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr Benjamin Hiberdine and Mr William Hawtaine, auditors. As he was Mayor, and not his Chamberlains account

His receipts	1	8	8
And to be taken out of his Mayoralty according to orders	20	0	0
Altogether	21	8	8

[f.112]

His [John Webb's] disbursements
Remains due from him

£ s d

4 3 8

17 5 0

[sum]

21 8 8

Of which sum of £17.5s.0d. Mr Webb paid to Mr Edward
Welchman, now Mayor

8 0 0

The other £9.5s.0d. Mr Webb by agreement between this
house and himself this day is to pay at the three
half-year's days of payment, viz., 15 June next,
15 December 1661, and 15 June then next following,
by equal portions.

By my testimony, R.D. [Richard Downs], Town Clerk.

4 October 1662, Mr John Webb finished this account before Mr Richard
Halhed, Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr John Hams
and Mr William Hawtaine, and he is thereof acquitted.

[signature] W. Hawtaine.

[There follows the account of Mr John Webb as Chamberlain, taken 3 Jan-
uary 1661/2. This has been deleted, and it appears in exactly the
same form under 1660-1, where it is here included.]

[Mg.] Memorandum. This account is posted to the account the next year
following where it is entered and audited before Mr Richard Halhed, Mr
John Hamms and Mr John West, auditors, and Mr Thomas Robins, Mayor.
[see 1660-1, f.114, and 1661-2, f.117v.]

1660-1

[f.113] 29 September 1660.

Mr Edward Welchman, Alderman, elected Mayor 3 September, this day was
sworn before Mr John Webb, late Mayor, Mr William Allen, Mr Nathaniel
Wheatly, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr
Thomas Robins, Mr James West, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Benjamin Hiberdine,
Mr John Austen, Mr Samuel Renolles, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr William
Wheatly, Mr John West and Mr William Hawkins.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Robins; Mr Benjamin Hiberdine; Mr William
Hawtaine

Bridgemasters: Mr Thomas Halhed; Mr Samuel Rennoles

Constables: John Austen; Benjamin Newman; Henry Hill

Tithingmen: William Halhed; Thomas Pym; Edward Thorpe; Nicholas
Knottesford

Tasters of victual: John Walmsley; Richard Walford; John Walsoe; Peter
Wootton

Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Clarke; John Heele.

[There is no note of swearing for any of the above officials.]

[f.115] 31 October 1660.

[Note. Each of these entries is roughly deleted, as indication that the debt has been repaid.]

	£	s	d
Due to Mr Edward Welchman, present Mayor, as approved by his account	5	2	6
Due to Mr William Allen upon account	10	0	0
Paid to him in full, 7 April 1662			
Due to Mr Nathaniel Wheatly upon account	20	0	0
Due to Mr Nathaniel Hill	2	0	0
Due to Mr [John] Webb	4	13	4
Due to Mr Thomas Halhed	9	0	0
Due to Mr Thomas Robins	17	0	0
More due upon his father's account	2	4	0
[This was probably Humphrey Robins, d.1654]			
Due to Mr James West	9	0	0
Due to Mr [John] Hams	4	10	0
Due to Mr [William] Stokes	10	14	2
[?paid] 3 January 1661[1/2]			
[Note. This is definitely 'Mr', although William Stokes had died in 1658. Possibly it refers to his son Henry, but in 1661-2 (f.115v) it is as certainly 'Mrs', i.e. William's widow Joan.]			
Due to Mr Henry Smyth	2	0	0
Due to Mr [Benjamin] Hiberdyne	4	0	0
Due to Mistress Wheatly, widow	4	0	0
[Sarah widow of William Wheatley, d.1657/8]			
Due to Mistress Blackwell [widow of Samuel Blackwell, d.1654]	13	4	
[Mg.] 7 April 1662, paid in full			
Due to Mistress Hawkins, widow	13	4	
[Israell widow of William Hawkins, d.1656]			
[Mg.] 7 April 1662, paid in full			
Due to Mr William Wheatly	17	0	0
[see also 1661-2, f.115v]			
[f.116] 15 December 1660.			

By an order of this house, 1 September 1658, the Chamber being brought low by reason of several disbursements and to the intent that there might be a reimbursement of what had been disbursed, and to raise a stock for future employment for the public good of the Corporation, it was ordered that from after Michaelmas next the tolls of beasts, sheep, hogs and other cattle, except horses, should be paid to the Chamberlain for the time being, and that he should from time to time account for the same and pay the moneys thereupon arising to such person or persons as the Mayor, aldermen and burgesses should appoint or to themselves until further order. By another order, 27 September 1658, the tolls mentioned aforesaid should be set that year by the Mayor and Mayor elect for the best advantage, and that £20 thereof should be paid to the Chamberlain and the rest to the Mayor towards his charges in his office and the entertainment which should be given therein.

[f.116 - 15 December 1660]

It is this day ordered by this House, that from henceforth the present Mayor, Edward Welchman, and all others of this Company whose names are to this order subscribed shall yearly as they shall severally come to be Mayor shall pay out of the tolls aforesaid into the hands of the Chamberlain for the public use of this Corporation and by him to be disposed of as he shall be ordered by the Mayor, aldermen and chief burgesses, the sum of £20; and the other profits of the said tolls to be to the use of each Mayor respectively.

Edward Welchman, Mayor

Nathaniel Wheatly

Nathaniel Hill

John Webb

Richard Halhed

Thomas Halhed

Thomas Robins

James West

John Hams

Henry Smith

Benjamin Hibberdine

John Awsten

Samuel Rennols

William Hawtayne

William Wheatly

John West

William Hawkins

Edw: Welchman Mayor,

Nathaniel Wheatly

Nathaniel Hill

John Webb

Richard Halhed

Thomas Halhed

Thos. Robins.

James West.

John Hams

Henry Smith.

Ben Hibberdine

John Awsten

Samuel Rennols

Will Hawtayne

William Wheatly

John West

William Hawkins

[Those on the left were aldermen; on the right, chief burgesses.]

[See further under 1661-2 and 1667-8]

[f.114] 3 January 1661[2], 13 Charles II.

The account of Mr Edward Welchman, late Mayor, taken before Mr Thomas Robins, present Mayor, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr John Hamms and Mr John West, auditors.

His receipts in the whole

£ s d
50 17 10

£10 was for Mr Ambrose Horsman's freedom money,
which is accounted for in his disbursements following.

The whole of his disbursements

22 8 6

Remains in his hands due to the Corporation

28 9 4

Which is paid, £20 thereof being the part of the tolls according to the order of 15 December 1660; and he is hereof discharged. He produced his receipt for the fee farm rents; and the same is redelivered.

The account of Mr John Webb as Chamberlain.

Receipts, with £4.17s. received for the Wool Beam

18 9 4

Disbursements

11 1 8

Due to the Corporation

7 7 8

Whereof £1 he paid to Mr James West for so much paid by him to Mr Holbech, which he paid to Mr John Ryley for his pains in the town service.

So remains due from him

6 7 8

Look to his account passed 17 January 1662[3]; and thereof he is discharged.

Constables' accounts.

Their receipts

45 8 7

Disbursements

45 8 7

1661-2

[f.117] 29 September 1661.

Mr Thomas Robins, Alderman, elected Mayor 2 September, this day was sworn before Mr Edward Welchman, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr John Webb, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Benjamin Hiberdine, Mr Samuel Rennolds, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr William Wheatly, Mr John West and Mr William Hawkins, having first taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Auditors: Mr Richard Halhed; Mr John Hams; Mr John West

Bridgemasters: Mr James West; Mr William Hawtaine

Constables: Samuel Hall; Benjamin Newman; William Halhed; William Bloxham

Tithingmen: Thomas Pym; Nicholas Knotsford; Edward Thorpe; Abraham Lord

Tasters of victual: Richard Pope, Peter Wootton; Thomas Jordan;
Richard Welford

Searchers and sealers of leather: Anthony Greenehill; Richard Lovell

[There is no note of swearing for any of the above officials.]

[f.119] 7 March 1661[2].

Memorandum. Mr John Webb, Chamberlain, brought into the house of Mr Thomas Robins, present Mayor, five boxes with writings in them concerning the borough, all sealed up, which are delivered to Mr Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr John Webb, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr Samuel Rennolls and Mr William Hawkins, persons appointed to view and take account of the same. And then to be put into the common chest of this borough to be there secured for the use of the Corporation, by order of the Company this day assembled.

27 January 1663[4].

Mr Thomas Robins delivered the above said five boxes according to the order abovesaid to Mr Wheatly, the Chamberlain, and they are all put into the common chest there to be kept as abovesaid.

[f.120] 5 April 1662.

Whereas £60 is disbursed by the Mayor and Justices into the hands of Richard Burston, master of the house of correction and workhouse, as a stock to set the poor on work, for which he has given security to the Chamberlain in trust for the use of the poor, part whereof being £6.13s.4d. formerly in the hands of Richard Crooker and £6.13s.4d. more formerly in the hands of Roland Hawse, which were part of Harding's money, £35.3s.4d., formerly in the hands of Thomas Harvy and £5.10s. more formerly in the hands of Roland Hawse, which were part of Okam's money, in all £24. The Mayor, aldermen and capital burgesses do undertake to make good to the uses the said moneys were formerly given. Memorandum. Out of Okeham's money mentioned before, 13s.4d. is for interest, so that there is to be accounted for as before except 13s.4d. So remains due from the Company £23.6s.8d.

[f.115v] 4 June 1662.

Particulars of every sum of money paid to each man for the debt due to him, as it is set out on the other side of this leaf [see f.115r under 1660-1].

	£	s	d
Paid to Mr Allen in full, 7 April 1662	10	0	0
Paid to Mr Welchman in full	5	2	6
Paid to Mr Webb in full	4	13	4
Paid to Mr James West in full, and 9s. due to the Company	9	0	0
Paid to Mistress Blackwell in full		13	4
Paid to Mistress Hawkins in full		13	4

Also particulars of what has been paid in part

[Note. Most of these entries are roughly deleted, as indication that the debt has been repaid.]

Paid to Nathaniel Wheatly and William Wheatly	23	13	6
Rests still to Nathaniel Wheatly and William Wheatly,			
£13.6s.6d.			

22 January 1666[7], this sum was cleared.

[f.115v]

Paid to Mr Henry Smith

£	s	d
1	3	0

Rests still to Mr Smith, 17s.

25 January 1666 [7], this 17s. was paid by Mr Rennolls and allowed in his account.

Paid to Mr Thomas Halhead

5	3	0
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Rests still to Mr Halhead, £3.17s.

27 January 1663 [4] this sum was paid.

Paid to Mr Thomas Robbyns, Mayor

11	0	0
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Rests still to Mr Robbyns, Mayor, £8.4s.

Paid to Mr Hill

1	3	0
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Rests still to Mr Hill, 17s.

25 January 1666 [7]. This 17s. was paid by Mr Rennolls and allowed in his account.

Paid Mistress Wheatly

2	6	0
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Rests still to Mistress Wheatly, £1.14s.

This sum is discharged and paid by Mr Richard Halhed, as appears in his account.

Paid to Mr Hiberdyne

2	6	0
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Rests still to Mr Hiberdyne, £1.14s.

Due more to him for a horse hire, 3s.

25 January 1666 [7]. This £1.17s. was paid by Mr Samuel Rennolls, and allowed in his account.

Rests still to Mr Hames

15	0	
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This sum is taken off by order of 19 November 1667, and so is paid.

Rests due to Mistress Stokes

10	14	2
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[In 1660-1 (f.115r) it is definitely 'Mr', although William Stokes had died in 1658. This must be his widow, Joan]

Whereof £2 is set off for rent due at Lady Day next being 1667, and £2 on bond wherein Mr Stokes stood bound with John Smyth. So rests due to Mistress Stokes only the sum of £6.14s.2d, which Mr Smyth the Chamberlain is ordered to pay her out of the moneys Mr William Wheatly is to pay to the Corporation's use.

The total owing is

41	18	8
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Memorandum. Mr Thomas Robbyns, Mayor, did 4 June 1662 pay upon the adding 3s. in the pound to the former dividend that £5 goodman Sargayne paid for his freedom and £3 goodman Harvy paid for his freedom. So Mr Mayor is discharged of that £8.

[see further under 1667-8]

[f.120v] 16 July 1662.

Memorandum, that by virtue of an Act of Parliament instituted an Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporations* made at the Parliament begun at Westminster 8 May in the 13th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the second now King of England, and there continued until 22 December, then next following; And by virtue of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of England dated 22 February in the 14th year of his reign, directed amongst others to Thomas Earl of Downe, James Lord Viscount Say and Seale, Sir Anthony Cope and Sir Thomas Chamberlaine, baronets, Thomas Cobb, George Chamberlaine and William Gannock, esquires, thereby appointing and authorizing them Commissioners for the regulating of Corporations in the county of Oxon. The persons hereunder named, viz., Thomas Robins, Mayor of Banbury, Nathaniel Wheatly, Nathaniel Hill, Richard Halhed, James West, Edward Welchman, Henry Smyth, Benjamin Hiberdine, Samuel Rennolls and William Hawtaine, aldermen, John Austen, William Wheatly, John West, William Hawkins, Samuel Hall and Richard Wheatly, capital burgesses, John Yeates, Andrew Harvy, Richard Downes, Francis Webb, Henry Stokes and William Halhed, assistants, Benjamin Newman and William Bloxham, constables, Nicholas Knottesford and Abraham Lord, tithingmen, Richard Pope, Peter Wootton, Thomas Jordan, tasters of victuals, Richard Lovell, searcher and sealer of leather, Edward Weston and John Hawse, sergeants at the mace, being called and assembled before the said Thomas Earl of Downe, James Lord Viscount Say and Seale, Sir Anthony Cope, Sir Thomas Chamberlaine, baronets, Thomas Cobb, George Chamberlaine and William Gannock, esquires, at several times, did with the said Sir Anthony Cope and George Chamberlaine publicly and in the presence of and before them and several others of the Commissioners, take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the other oath expressed in and enjoined in and by the said Act to be taken; and then also did publicly subscribe the following declaration mentioned and expressed in the said Act.

[signature] Richard Downes, Town Clerk

[For a further memorandum, dated 25 August 1663, which immediately follows, see under 1662-3.]

[f.118] 17 January 1662[/3].

The account of Mr Thomas Robins, late Mayor, taken before Mr Richard Halhed, present Mayor, and Mr Samuel Reynolds and Mr William Wheatly, auditors.

	£	s	d
Receipts, with £20 to be paid by him according to the order of 15 December 1660	24	17	0
Disbursements allowed	23	19	10
Rests due		17	2

[Mg.] He produced his receipts for the fee-farm rent, which was redelivered to him.

* For a discussion of this Act and its long-term implications, see English Historical Review, xlv (1930), J.H. Sacret, 'The Restoration Government and Municipal Corporations', especially pp. 246-54.

[f.117v] 17 January 1662[3].

The account of Mr John Webb, Chamberlain, assessed both as Chamberlain and as former Mayor [1659-60 - see under that year and under 1660-1].

£ s d

Remains due from him £5.8s.1d., in which he charged himself with the two £5's he borrowed on Ocam's money and £2 he borrowed of Brightwell's money.

By this account he is discharged thereof and owes 5 8 1

Memorandum. He was this day ordered to pay the above £5.8s.1d. to twelve poor pensioners in this town weekly each 4d. till the £5.8s.1d. be paid.

And upon his account 27 January 1663[4], he began to pay the said pensions 24 January 1662[3] and continued the same payment until 25 July 1663; which makes up the whole sum and he is thereof discharged.

1662-3

[f.121] 29 September 1662.

Mr Richard Halhed this day was sworn Mayor before Mr Thomas Robins, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Benjamin Hiberdine, Mr Samuel Rennolds, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr John Austen, Mr John West, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly and afterwards Mr James West.

Auditors: Mr Benjamin Hibberdine; Mr Samuel Rennolds; Mr William Wheatly

Bridgemasters: Mr James West; Mr William Hawtaine

Constables: Mr William Halhed; Nicholas Knottesford; Timothy Lawrence; Mathew Bently; all sworn

Tithingmen: Abraham Lord; John Welchman; Thomas Metcalfe; Ambrose Horseman; all sworn

Tasters of victual: James Walsoe; Richard Shawe; John Tyms; John Walmsley; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Richard Lovell; Thomas Gascoigne; both sworn.

[f.120v - immediately following the memorandum of 16 July 1662 on the taking of oaths of allegiance and supremacy.]

Memorandum. 25 August 1663.

Nathaniel Wheatly, the elder alderman of the borough, was sworn Deputy Mayor to Mr Richard Halhed, present Mayor, having first taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the other oaths and subscribed the declaration enjoined in the aforesaid Act, before William Pargiter, esquire, Recorder of the borough, and Richard Halhed, Mayor.

[signature:] Richard Downes, Town Clerk

[f.122] 4 September 1663.

Memorandum. Mr William Wheatly and Mr John West, two of the capital burgesses, took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the other oath and subscribed the declaration enjoined by the act for regulating of Corporations, before Richard Halhed, Mayor, Nathaniel Wheatly, Nathaniel Hill, Justices of the Peace, and the whole Company, and were sworn aldermen.

The same day Mr Andrew Harvey and Mr William Halhed, two of the assistants, took the several oaths and subscribed the abovesaid declaration before the persons aforesaid, and were sworn capital burgesses.

The same day Timothy Lawrence, Mathew Bently, John Stokes and Abraham Lord were elected and sworn assistants. They took the several oaths and subscribed the declaration abovesaid before the abovesaid persons.

7 September 1663, the aforesaid John Stokes took the several oaths aforesaid and subscribed the declaration before the aforesaid Richard Halhed, Mayor, and was sworn assistant.

[signature:] Richard Downes, Town Clerk.

[f.121] 27 January 1663[/4].

The account of Mr Richard Halhed, late Mayor, taken before Mr Nathaniel Hill, present Mayor, and Mr Thomas Robins, Mr Edward Welchman and Mr Richard Wheatly, auditors.

	£	s	d
He stands charged with £20 to be paid by him according to the order of 15 December 1660	20	0	0
Disbursements allowed	8	16	8
Due to be accounted for	11	3	4

[auditors:] Thomas Robins, Edward Welchman, Richard Wheatly.

Of which £11.3s.4d. he has paid by order to Mr Thomas Halhed to reimburse him what was due to him on the public account £3.17s.; and is to pay Mistress Wheatly, widow, £1.14s. more [see under 1661-2, f.115v]. The other £5.12s.4d. is allowed to him for want of the peddlers' stalls which he should have received pay for. And so he is acquitted, 27 January 1663[/4].

[Mg.] He produced his receipts for the fee farm rents, which were re-delivered to him.

[f.121v] 4 January 1664[/5].

The account of Mr James West and Mr William Hawtayne, Bridgemasters in the years 1662 and 1663, taken before Mr Samuel Rennolls and Mr William Wheatly, auditors in Mr Richard Halhead's time.

Receipts	33	8	2
Disbursements	31	10	6
Rests in hand	1	17	8

Which money is paid to Mr John West, now Bridgemaster.

And they thereof are acquitted.

[auditors:] Samuel Rennolls, William Wheatly.

1663-4

[f.123] 29 September 1663.

Mr Nathaniel Hill this day was sworn Mayor before Mr Richard Halhed, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Rennolls, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr William Wheatly, Mr John West, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvy and Mr William Halhed, having first taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the other oath and subscribed the declaration mentioned in the act for the regulation of corporations.

Auditors: Mr Thomas Robins; Mr Edward Welchman; Mr Richard Wheatly
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Hams; Mr John West
 Constables: Nicholas Knottesford; Timothy Lawrence; Abraham Lord; John Welchman; all sworn and subscribed
 Tithingmen: Ambrose Horsman; John Stokes; James Wheatly; all sworn and subscribed
 Tasters of victuals: Peter Wootton; Edward Dudley; John Tyms; John Walmesly; all sworn and subscribed
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; John Heele; all sworn and subscribed.

4 January 1664[5].

The account of Mr Nathaniel Hill, late Mayor.

	£	s	d
Receipts	0	0	0
Disbursements the like			[nil]

Save only for the Queen's rents, being £6.13s.4d., and the receipts and Town Clerk's fee, which he has paid and has produced his acquittances which are returned to him, and he is discharged.

Before his auditors, W. Hawtayne.

1664-5

[f.124] 29 September 1664.

Mr Henry Smith, Alderman, this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr Nathaniel Hill, late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Samuel Rennolls, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr John West, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Andrew Harvey and Mr William Halhed.

Auditors: Mr Samuel Reignols; Mr William Hawtaine; Mr William Hawkins
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Hams; Mr John West
 Constables: John Welchman; Abraham Lord; Ambrose Horsman; Thomas Metcalfe; all sworn
 Tithingmen: James Wheatly; John Allington; Michael Bradford; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: James Walsoe; Richard Shawe; John Tyms; John Walmesley; all sworn

[f.124] Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; John Heele; both sworn.

All took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the other oath, and subscribed the declaration mentioned in the act for regulating corporations.

[Banbury Parish Register, Vol. 2, 1653-1723, back flyleaf.]

23 June 1665.

We whose names are underwritten do testify that Thomas Matthew, Vicar of Banbury, has elected (according to the Canon) Henry Wamslye the son of John Wamslye to be clerk of this parish he being duly qualified, and having the general approbation of the parish.

Thomas Matthew

Henry Smith, Mayor

Nathaniel Wheatly

William Hawtayne

John Welchman

Robert Long

Nicholas Knottisford

Thomas Claredge

Matthew Cave

Richard Callcot [mark]

Thomas Ansley

John Youick

[of these signatories, only the Mayor and the first three following were members of the Corporation.]

[Book of Accounts, f.124v]

The accounts of Mr Henry Smyth taken 25 January 1666[/7].

	£	s	d
Receipts		0	0
Disbursements		13	8

Which 13s.8d. was this day paid by Mr Rennolls, and 17s. more by which he was out of purse for the sheep pen business.

And so Mr Smyth is discharged.

1665-6

[There is no record of the election of the Mayor, Samuel Rennolls, and Corporation officials for this year, nor mayoral accounts. A blank leaf, f.125, separates the accounts of Henry Smith (Mayor, 1664-5) from the election of William Hawtayne (1666-7).]

[f.126v] 22 January 1666[/7].

The account of Mr Nathaniel Wheatly, recently deceased*, as Chamberlain

Rests due from him to the Corporation	8	10	0
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And he and his son Mr William Wheatly are cleared and paid all moneys due from the Corporation.

And afterwards, (to wit) 11 June 1667, Mr William Wheatly paid the £8.10s. to Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain, so the debt is discharged.

* Mr Nathaniel Wheatley, senr., Justice, buried 31 October 1666.

[f.126v]

Memorandum, that there remains in the hands of the abovesaid Mr William Wheatly and his brethren, the executors and administrators of Mr Nathaniel Wheatly deceased, £35 of the poor's money, which he promises to pay consideration for while they hold it.

14 November 1671, the £35 was paid to Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain, to be disposed of according to the donor's will, and all the interest for the same is paid and so all acquitted.

1666-7

[f.126] 29 September 1666.

Mr William Hawtayne was this day sworn Mayor, before Samuel Rennolls late Mayor, Mr Nathaniel Hill, Mr Thomas Robins, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr William Wheatly, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Andrew Harvy, Mr Henry Stokes and Mr John Welchman.

Auditors: Mr James West; Mr Henry Smyth; Mr Henry Stokes
 Bridgemasters: Mr Edward Welchman; Mr William Hawkins
 Constables: Thomas Sutton; John Weste; Michael Bradford; John Allington; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Thomas Mander; John Tredwell; William Wheatly; Henry Middleton; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: Thomas Harvy; Richard Shawe, junior; John Tyms; William Ingram; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: John Heele; Thomas Gascoigne; both sworn.

[f.126v] 3 January 1667[8]

The accounts of Mr Edward Welchman and Mr William Hawkins, Bridgemasters for 1666 and 1667, taken before Mr William Wheatly, Mayor, and Mr James West, Justices of the Peace; and Mr John Hams, Mr Richard Wheatly and Mr John Welchman, auditors.

	£	s	d
Mr Welchman's receipts	20	6	3
His disbursements	18	5	9
Rests due from him	2	0	6
Mr William Hawkins' receipts	10	11	0
His disbursements	2	7	6
Rests due from him	8	3	6

The account of Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain, then taken before the persons aforesaid.

His receipts	23	11	5½
His disbursements	18	7	3
Rests in his hands	4	14	2½

[f.126] The account of William Hawtayne, Mayor, taken 22 January 1667 [8], before Mr John Hams, Mr Richard Wheatly and Mr John Welchman, auditors.

Disbursements allowed	£	s	d
	10	6	4
Receipts	1	11	4
Rests due to him	8	15	0

Which is ordered to be paid to him by the Chamberlain.

Of which £8.15s. there is since paid by Mr Smyth, the Chamberlain

So rests due to him still	3	10	8
	5	4	4

Which is since paid by the Chamberlain, so he is discharged.

[Auditors:] John Hams, Richard Wheatly, John Welchman.

1667-8

[There is no record of the election of the Mayor, William Wheatly, and Corporation officials for this year, nor mayoral accounts. A blank leaf, f.128, precedes that recording the election of John Hams in 1669.]

[f.127] 19 November 1667.

Whereas by an order of 4 January 1664 it was ordered and agreed that an order of 15 December 1660 concerning the yearly payment of £20 by each Mayor out of the tolls to the Chamberlain to be disposed for the use of the Borough and all and any other order tending to that purpose should cease and were and should be for ever void; And further that Mr Justice [Nathaniel] Wheatly (then being, and now since dead), Mr James West and Mr Samuel Renols were to consider of and should acquaint a way for the reimbursing and satisfying of the several persons that had been Mayors, and had accounted for and towards the payment of the said £20 out of the tolls in the times of their several Mayoralities, viz. Mr John Hams, Mr John Webb, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Thomas Robins and Mr Richard Halhed, what money they had so really paid.

And whereas we James West and Samuel Rennolls together with Mr William Hawtayne, by consent of the Mayor and Corporation, in pursuance of their orders, have taken into our serious consideration the premisses, and well weighing the same, we do therefore by virtue of the said order and consent declare and order that the said parties shall be paid all sums of money in full for so much as (we conceive) they have so really paid and are out of purse; The said moneys to be paid them proportionately yearly out of the Chamber until the sums be fully paid; And in testimony thereof we, James West, Samuel Rennolls and William Hawtayne have put and subscribed our names; and they accepting and freely consenting have subscribed their names under the sums to them allowed and ordered.

[f.127] The particular sums to each man ordered assigned and allowed and which they accepted is as follows, viz.

Mr John Hams	£13 15s. 0d.
[This entry is roughly deleted, presumably as indication that it has been paid]	
Mr John Webb	£10 3s. 2d.
Mr Edward Welchman	£13 0s. 0d.
Mr Thomas Robins	£9 15s. 2d.
[Mg. See back of page, i.e., f.127v]	
Mr Richard Halhed	£10 3s. 2d.

Witness all our hands the day and year first above written:

James West
Samuel Rennols
W. Hawtayne

John Hams
John Webb
Edward Welchman
Thomas Robins
Richard Halhed

James West
Sam. Rennols
W. Hawtayne

John Hams
John Webb
Edw. Welchman
Tho. Robins
Richard Halhed

6 July 1668.

Mr Richard Halhead received £5 of the above; and so rests due to him £5.3s.2d.

15 July 1668.

Mr John Hames received £5 of the sum above; and so rests due to him £8.15s.; of this £8 is paid and so rests due to him only 15s.; whereof 1s.6d. paid: so due, 13s.6d.

15 February 1668[9], Mr Halhead was paid £5.3s.2d as appears under his hand in Mr Smyth's book; and so Mr Halhead is fully paid.

Paid by Mr Smyth more to Mr John Webb at several times, £5.

Paid Mr John Webb 16 March 1669[70], £3.13s.2d.; he is fully satisfied for his debt above.

[Mg. on right - See back of the page, i.e., f.127v]

[f.127v] 3 January 1667[8].

Ordered that Mr Thomas Robins shall pay for the waste ground which was the alley that led from Edward Vivers' house down towards the chapel being three feet and a half broad and ninety-two feet long or thereabouts for the time past that he has made use thereof, being about fifteen years, the sum of forty shillings; and that for the future he shall pay two shillings yearly from Michaelmas last.

Paid Mr Thomas Robins in part of the £9.15s.2d. on the other side of this leaf [f.127r] mentioned, the sum of £3 by Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain, and the £2 due to the Corporation makes up the sum of £5; so due to him, £4.15s.2d., besides the rents due for his garden and kitchen and other things for the King and Queen ['p. Rege & Regina'].

Paid Mr Thomas Robins, 7 December 1670, the sum of £2.5s.2d, which is in full for the debt due to his father from the Corporation.

1668-9

[f.129] 29 September 1668.

Mr James West this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr William Wheatly, last Mayor, Mr Richard Halhed, Mr John Hams, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr William Hawkins, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr John Austin, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West and Mr Thomas Sutton.

Auditors: Mr William Hawtaine; Mr William Hawkins; Mr Thomas Sutton

Bridgemasters: Mr Samuel Hall; Mr Andrew Harvey

Constables: Thomas Robins; Thomas Wells; William Wheatly; John Weste

Tithingmen: Henry Tasker; Richard Lovell; John Barnes; Thomas Webb

Tasters of victuals: John Tyms; William Ingram; John Walsoe; Edward Dudley

[No note of swearing by any of the above.]

5 May 1671.

The account of Mr James West, Mayor, taken before the major part of the Company then present.

His disbursements	£	s	d
	1	18	3
Whereof paid him	1	10	0

Which he undertook for the payment of for the arrears of Mr Slade's rent for the ground before his house in St. John's street.

So there remains due to him	8	3
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The account of Mr Samuel Hall and Mr Andrew Harvey as Bridgemasters, taken 5 May 1671.

Their receipts	36	8	0
Their disbursements	32	15	0
Rests in their hands	3	13	0
Rests in Mr William Hawkins' hands to be accounted for	2	13	6

[f.129v] 7 April 1669.

The account of Mr Henry Smyth as Chamberlain then taken and approved.

	£	s	d
His disbursements	50	7	0
His receipts	48	0	6 ³ / ₄

But the butchers' stalls rents are not accounted for
because he has not received them since St. Thomas'
Day last; and several other rents.

1669-70

[f.131] 29 September 1669.

Mr John Hams this day was sworn Mayor, before James West, late Mayor,
Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Haw-
tayne, Mr William Wheatly, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr
Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr Michael Bradford
and Mr John Allington.

Auditors: Mr Samuel Renols; Mr William Wheatly; Mr Michael
Bradford
Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheatly; Mr John Welchman
Constables: John West; Henry Tasker; Thomas Wells; Richard Lovell;
all sworn
Tithingmen: John Barnes; Henry Smyth; William Harvey; Joseph Hams;
all sworn
Tasters of victuals: John Tyms; William Ingram; John Walsoe; Edward
Dudley; all sworn
Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Nicholls; Thomas Gascoigne;
both sworn.

This day Mr Henry Smyth was sworn an assistant assessor and assizer of
victuals, with Mr Mayor for the time being of his mayoralty.

The account of the abovesaid John Hams, Mayor, taken 5 May 1671. The
particulars of his disbursements being seen and allowed, it appears
that he is out of purse 2 17 0
And more upon his old account 13 6

[Auditors:] William Hawtayne, Andrew Harvy.

Of which Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain, paid him 9 July 1673 3 0 0
So rests due to him 10 6

Which 10s.6d. was paid him by Mr Rennals, Chamberlain,
22 September 1677, and so Mr Hams is discharged.

[f.134v] 5 May 1671.

The account of Mr Henry Smyth, Chamberlain.

His receipts	115	10	1
His payments	103	10	8
Rests in his hands	11	19	5

1670-1

[f.134] 29 September 1670.

Mr Samuel Hall this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr John Hams, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John West, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr Michael Bradford and Mr John Allington.

Auditors: Mr William Hawtayne; Mr Andrew Harvey; Mr John West

Bridgemasters: Mr William Wheatly; Mr John Welchman

Constables: Henry Tasker; John Barnes; Henry Smyth, junior;
William Harvey

Tithingmen: Samuel West; Richard Crooke; John Butler; John Tranter

Tasters of victuals: John Tyms; William Ingram; Richard Shawe; Thomas Middleton

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; John Townesend.

[No note of swearing against any of the above.]

[f.134v] 5 June 1671.

Memorandum. Mr Thomas Cole had complained that his rent was too high. Part was therefore remitted and he was ordered by Mr Samuel Hall and Mr James West to pay immediately £2.10s.; and that it should go to Widow [Mary] Hawse as part of what is owing to her as administratrix, for the debt of her late husband John Hawse.*

[f.134] 23 January 1671[2].

The account of Mr Samuel Hall, Mayor.

	£	s	d
His receipts and disbursements being compared, there rests due to him	7	9	10
Remains in his hands of the pension money	6	5	10
And £1.4s. more paid him by Mr Smyth, Chamberlain, so he is satisfied the said	7	9	10

William Hawtayne, John West senior, auditors.

1671-2

[f.135] 29 September 1671.

Mr Richard Wheatly this day was sworn Mayor before Mr Samuel Hall, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Edward Welchman, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr John Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior.

Auditors: Mr Henry Stokes; Mr John Welchman; Mr John Stokes

Bridgemasters: Mr Henry Stokes; Mr John West

Constables: John Barnes; William Harvey; Henry Smyth, junior; John Butler; all sworn

Tithingmen: Samuel West; Richard Crooke; John Tranter; Andrew Annesley; all sworn

* John Hawes, sergeant, buried 23 April 1670.

[f.135] Tasters of victuals: John Tyms; Thomas Page, senior; James Harvey; Edward Walford; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; John Townesend; both sworn.

[f.164] 16 January 1671[2].

Mr Samuel Renols delivered an order and decree indented under the hands and seals of Sir Richard Fennys, Sir Anthony Cope and others dated 20 January 25 Eliz. [1583/4], concerning charitable uses of certain houses and lands in Banbury belonging to the Church and Bridge and highways and other things, which remains in the chest of this Borough.

[Oxon. R.S., 10 (1928), p.219 - Churchwardens' Presentment]

St. Steven's Day. Persons present at Divine Service. These were especially observed whose names follow, viz:-

Richard Wheatly, James West, John Hams, Justices.

Edward Welchman, Hen. Smith, Samuell Renalls, Samll. Hall, Henry Stoakes, Aldermen. John West grasier, John West glasier, John Stoakes, Burgs. [remainder of presentment omitted here] 7 May 1672.

[Book of Accounts, f.135] The account of Mr Richard Wheatly, as Mayor, taken 21 January 1672[3].

His receipts for the pension money, £25.3s.3½d., which he has paid in; whereof £6.5s.3½d. was paid to the Chamberlain.

21 January 1672[3].

The account of Mr Henry Smyth as Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His disbursements	50	16	11
His receipts	49	9	7½
So rests due to him	1	7	4½

Samuel Rennols, William Hawtayne, Thomas Sutton, auditors.

1672-3

[f.137] 29 September 1672.

Mr Andrew Harvey this day was sworn Mayor before Mr Richard Wheatly, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Henry Smyth junior and Mr Thomas Halhed.

Auditors: Mr Samuel Rennols; Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Thomas Sutton

Bridgemasters: Mr Henry Stokes; Mr John West senior

Constables: John Butler; Samuel West; Richard Croke; Joseph Hams; all sworn

Tithingmen: Andrew Annesley; Nathaniel Goodwin; John Kenning; John Youick; all sworn

Tasters of victuals: Peter Wootton; Richard Pope; John Tyms; Thomas Page; all sworn

[f.137] Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury; both sworn.

[f.139] 19 February 1672[3].

Ordered that the common seal of this Borough shall not pass nor be set to any lease hereafter to be made or granted, but in the presence of the whole Company, or the major part of them in the Common Hall of the Borough.

Ordered also that all the Company and the Town Clerk shall meet every Sunday before Morning and Evening Prayers at the Town Hall in their gowns, and thence attend Mr Mayor to the Church for ever hereafter, upon pain of forfeiting 6d. for every day's default herein, unless some reasonable cause shall be shown to the contrary.

[f.137] The account of Mr Andrew Harvey, as being Mayor, taken 29 December 1673.

	£	s	d
His disbursements	25	12	0
His receipts	24	18	0
Rests due to him		13	9

The accounts of Mr Henry Stokes and Mr John West as Bridgemasters for 1671 and 1672, taken 29 December 1673.

Their receipts	44	15	9
Their disbursements	32	15	10
Due from them	11	19	11

Due from Widow Hawse at Michaelmas last, 1673	3	0	0
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[Pinned on a scrap of paper:]

For prosecuting the prisoner at Oxford	17	0
For the King's tax	10	0
as appears by Mr Harvey's account.		

1673-4

[f.138] 29 September 1673.

Mr Henry Stokes this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr Andrew Harvey, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Henry Smyth junior and Mr Thomas Halhed.

Auditors: Mr Samuel Hall; Mr Richard Wheatly; Mr John West senior
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Stokes; Mr John West junior
 Constables: Joseph Hams; Andrew Annesley; John Tranter; Richard Crooke; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Nathaniel Goodwin; John Kenninge; John Youick; Samuel Bowler; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: Edward Dudley; James Harvey; Thomas Page; John Tyms; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury; both sworn.

[f.139] At a Hall called 29 November 1673.

Present:

Mr Henry Stokes, Mayor
Mr James West
Mr Samuel Rennolds
Mr Samuel Hall
Mr Richard Wheatly
Mr Andrew Harvey
Mr Henry Smith

Mr John Stokes
Mr John West senior
Mr Thomas Sutton
Mr John Allington
Mr John West junior
Mr Thomas Halhed

Ordered that the estreats of the Court Leet of this Borough shall not be remitted by any member of this Company.

Ordered that the Chamberlain of this Borough shall pay to the Surveyors of the highways the sum of £1.10s. towards the repair of the Market Place.

[P.R.O. S.P. Domestic, Entry Book.31, f.135]

To the Mayor, etc., of Banbury, 8 July 1674, from Lord Arlington.

Trusty, etc., Whereas Joseph Stockle has humbly represented to us, that being forced by his losses in the late dreadful fire of the City of London to seek his living elsewhere, to repair to that our Town of Banbury, the place of his Nativity, and there drive the trade of a draper and so has continued to do for above 8 years, but though having often requested you to grant him his freedom and offered to pay the customary rate for the same, he has hitherto been denied, and for want thereof not being suffered to live quietly but often disturbed in driving his trade, has therefore humbly besought us to interpose with you in his favour for his future quiet in the continuance of his trade amongst you. We are graciously pleased in tender consideration of the premises accordingly to recommend him to you in the most effective manner, Willing and Requiring you to make him a freeman of that our town without further delay or difficulty, he paying the usual rates required for the same. Wherein we doubt not of your ready compliance, being a Case of so much equity and conscience, and so bid you farewell.

Given at our Court at Windsor, 8 July 1674,

Arlington.

[S.P. Dom. Car.II, 361, f.215]

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, the humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and other the Members of the Corporation of your Majesty's Town of Banbury,

Sheweth, That one Joseph Stockley, having represented to your Majesty that he was forced (by his losses in the late fire of the City of London) to repair to Banbury (the pretended place of his nativity) and Drive the trade of a draper there for the space of eight years, wherein being disturbed for want of his freedom your Majesty, by your letter of 8 July last, was graciously pleased to require your Petitioners to make him a Freeman of the Town.

[S.P. Dom. Car.II 361, f.215]

And for as much may it please your Majesty as your Petitioners find that Joseph Stockley has not only during his abode in the Town highly misdemeaned himself, but has also herein very much abused your Majesty's Royal Clemency and goodness, in procuring your letter by his most false suggestions and specious pretences, he being no housekeeper in the City of London at the time of the fire, neither having any visible estate nor sustaining any manner of loss there, nor yet been born at Banbury, as is most falsely suggested, and never as yet made any Address to your Petitioners for his Freedom as is set forth in your letter.

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly beseech that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to recall the letter and leave Joseph Stockley to make his application to your Petitioners as others do in like cases, your Petitioners never having refused any the like request without apparant cause upon which they conceive they must justify themselves; nevertheless your Petitioners humbly submit to your Majesty's further will and pleasure,

[torn] ... duty bound shall ever pray, etc. [no signatures].

[S.P. Dom. Car.II 361, f.228]

[To the Mayor and Corporation of Banbury, 15 September 1674, from Just[inian] Angell.]

At my coming to town I thought I should hear of your compliance with his Majesty's letter concerning Mr Stockle, but as I am informed instead that you prosecute him, and take no notice of that Honour His Majesty was pleased to put upon you. It was believed that your town would not have presumed to deny his Majesty in so small a request where He might command and more where your power so weak, and it would redound more to the honour of your Town and [illegible] to cease your prosecution and comply and make him free; and show something of Loyalty where as yet little, lest you cause your power you asked by to be looked into and your errors published. I am satisfied in every particular there is no misinformation in the case; the place of his nativity is the town of Banbury the next market town to the place where he was born 3 or 4 miles from the same; and also he was a sufferer by the fire in the City of London, for his house and goods were burnt in Basinghall Street, for he was free from his master three years before the fire; and for moving and requesting to be made free that is [illegible] by his father-in-law, a worthy divine[?] in your [illegible] and refused; and for being molested in his trade, that is upon record since his Majesty sent his letter to you; all this I have informed Myself in and am satisfied is all true since I was with you, so it is a 'perle' thrown away where not understood; I took the trouble upon me to write to you to let you know you have 'stiled' that which never was so before; worse may follow. I shall in a very short time see you, till then I am,

Yours,

Just. Angell.

Whitehall, 15 September 1674.

[Book of Accounts, f.140] 5 February 1674[/5].

The account of Mr Henry Smith, Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His receipts	78	2	7
His disbursements	75	15	9½
Due from him	2	6	9½

[f.138] The account of Mr Henry Stokes as Mayor, taken 15 October 1675.

His receipts and disbursements computed, there remained in his hands 18s.6d., which he paid to Mr Renols, Chamberlain, and so he is discharged.

1674-5

[f.140] 29 September 1674.

Mr Henry Smith, senior, this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr Henry Stokes, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr John Welchman, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Henry Smyth junior and Mr Thomas Halhed.

Auditors: Mr Renols; Mr Hawtayne; Mr Sutton
 Bridgemasters: Mr John Stokes; Mr John West junior.
 Constables: Andrew Harvey; Nathaniel Goodwin; John Kenning; John Youick; all sworn
 Tithingmen: Samuel Bowler; John French; Thomas Robins; Richard Burrowes; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: Edward Dudley; James Harvey; Thomas Page; John Tyns; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury; both sworn.

[f.141] 10 March 1674[/5].

Mr Henry Smyth died* and Mr John Austen was chosen Mayor and sworn before Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior and Mr Thomas Halhed.

* Mr Henry Smith, Mayor, buried 13 March 1674/5.

[f.142] 13 November 1675.

The account of Mistress Smyth, the relict of Mr Henry Smyth, late Chamberlain now deceased.

	£	s	d
Upon the account then made, there remained due to her	1	0	6

Which was paid her this day by Mr Renols, Chamberlain.

Then delivered to Mr Rennols by her:

Harding's money.

One bond of Harding's money wherein Margaret Nicholls and her two sons Thomas and William are bound for	6	15	0
One other bond wherein John Townsend, Thomas Shawe and Richard Townsend are bound for	6	15	0
Another wherein John Bloxham, Joseph Bloxham and Henry King are bound for	6	15	0
Another from Edward Dudley, Thomas Maunder and Robert Barnes for	6	15	0
Another from Martin Kenning, John Kening and John Barnes for	6	15	0
Another from Samuel Newman, Elizabeth Hobell and Anne Newman for	6	15	0

Oken's money.

One bond from Richard Tayler, Thomas Wells and Richard Perkins for	5	3	4
Another from Simon Watts, Henry Basse and John Tayler for	5	3	4
Another from Anthony Greenhill, Peter Fletcher and John Butler for	5	10	4
Another from William Gulliver, Samuel Wells and John Hawtaine for	5	3	4

Brightwell's money.

One bond from Robert Norbury, John Warren and Thomas Gascoigne for	2	0	0
One from Thomas Roads, John Roads and Daniel White	2	0	0
One from Jonathan Smyth, Richard Collins and John Gibbs	2	0	0
Another from Elizabeth Perrin, Thomas Pym and William Wagstaffe	2	0	0
Another from John Dingley, Francis Eagleston and Samuel Dingley	2	0	0
Another from Anthony Huntley and Mr James West	2	0	0
Another from Thomas Roads, John Road and William Dossell	2	0	0
Another from Richard Perkins, John Tyms and Thomas Roades	2	0	0
Another from Anthony Greenhill, Peter Fletcher and John Butler	4	0	0
Another from John Baker, Thomas Jordan and John Smyth	2	0	0
Another from Robert Hayword and Richard Sheldon	2	10	0

[see also Chamberlain's accounts under 1686-7]

[f.141] Mr Austen's account as Mayor, taken 7 January 1675[6], and upon his account approved of, there remains in his hands 5s., which this day he has paid to Mr Renols, the Chamberlain, and so he is thereof discharged.

7 January 1675[6].

The account of Mr John Stokes as Bridgemaster for the years 1674 and 1675.

	£	s	d
His receipts	13	0	0
His disbursements	11	0	7
Rests due from him	1	19	5

7 January 1675[6].

The account of Mr John West, glasier, being Bridgemaster for 1674 and 1675.

His receipts	26	6	3
His disbursements	19	11	10
Rests due from him	6	14	5

Which money was paid to Mr Thomas Sutton, so he is discharged.

7 January 1675[6].

The account of Mr Samuel Renols, Chamberlain.

His receipts	29	9	10
His disbursements	21	19	2
Rests in his hands	4	10	8

[Note. The accounts of Samuel Rennolls, who was Chamberlain from 1675 until 1688, were sometimes audited a year or more later. Those for 1676-7, 1677-8 and 1678-9 appear to have been audited together, see under 1678-9, as were those for 1679-80 and 1680-1, see under 1680-1. Subsequent years were audited more promptly.]

1675-6

[f.143] 29 September 1675.

Mr John Welchman this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr John Austen, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Henry Smyth, Mr Thomas Halhed and Mr John Cave.

Auditors: Mr Samuel Hall; Mr John Stokes; Mr John Cave

Bridgemasters: Mr William Hawtaine; Mr Thomas Sutton

Constables: Nathaniel Goodwin; John Kenning; John Youick; Samuel Bowler

Tithingmen: John French; Thomas Robins; Richard Burrowes; Joseph Mawle

Tasters of victuals: Richard Shaw junior; Richard Pope; Thomas Page; John Tyms

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury.

[None of the above have a note of swearing]

[f.143] 22 September 1677.

The account of Mr Samuel Rennolls, Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His receipts	136	15	6
His disbursements	99	9	2
Remains in his hands as Chamberlain	37	6	4

Memorandum. The £7.14s.4d. charged in Mr Rennolls' account for the King's rent upon the receipt of it is to be paid to the Chamber.

And Richard Key is debtor to the Corporation the sum of	6	0	0
And Mr Veysey owes for arrears of rent ending at Michaelmas 1677 the sum of	4	10	0
And Mr John Stokes owes a fine of	2	0	0

Henry Stokes, Thomas Halhed, auditors.

The account of Mr John Welchman as Mayor then taken.

His disbursements	38	2	7
His receipts	34	16	1½
Due to him	3	6	5½

Samuel Hall, John Cave, auditors.

Of which £3.6s.5½d. there is £1.10s. paid him out of the moneys made by sale of the felons' goods; the other £1.16s.5½d. is paid him by Mr Rennolls, Chamberlain; so he is thereof discharged; and he produced his discharge for 20 nobles, paid to the Sheriff, being for the tolnage of this town for his year; and so he is discharged.

1676-7

[f.145] 29 September 1676.

Mr Samuel Rennolls this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr John Welchman, last Mayor, Mr James West, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr John Austen, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Henry Smith and Mr Thomas Halhed.

Auditors: Mr William Hawtaine; Mr Henry Stokes; Mr Thomas Halhed
 Bridgemasters: Mr William Hawtaine; Mr Thomas Sutton
 Constables: Samuel Bowler; John French; Richard Burrowse; Thomas Robins
 Tithingmen: Joseph Maule; John Kimbell; Robert Smart; Andrew Smyth
 Tasters of victuals: Thomas Page; John Tyms; Richard Pope; Richard Shawe

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury.

[None of the above have a note of swearing]

Licences granted to Mr Thomas Sutton and Mr Stokes.

[These were licences to tavernkeepers to sell wine. Thomas Sutton was landlord of the Reindeer Inn. 'Mr Stokes' was probably Charles Stokes or possibly his elder brother John, almost certainly at the Unicorn Inn, which their mother Joan Stokes owned until her death in June 1678. See 'A Century of Tavern-Keeping', "Cake and Cockhorse", 2, 4, pp.103-15]

[f.143v] 24 September 1677.

Paid by Mr Samuel Rennols, Chamberlain, to Mr Thomas Halhed, by order of the Company, being moneys by him expended upon repairs of the Market Place

Paid out of the Chamber

£	s	d
5	0	0

[f.145] 2 January 1679[/80]. Mr Samuel Rennols produced his acquittance for £6.13s.4d. paid by him to Mr Christopher Wood, 15 November 1677, for the fee farm rent charged upon this borough, in the charge of John Gower, esquire, Sheriff of this County, and due at Michaelmas last. [For Samuel Rennols' Chamberlain's accounts, see 1678-9. There are no Mayoral accounts for 1676-7, and these only occur again for 1683-4, 1688-9, 1690-1 and 1691-2.]

1677-8

[f.147] 29 September 1677.

Mr John West [senior] this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr Samuel Rennols, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Austen, Mr Harvey, Mr Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr Sutton and Mr Thomas Halhead.

Auditors: Mr Richard Wheatly; Mr John Stokes; Mr Thomas Sutton

Bridgemasters: Mr Hall; Mr Allington

Constables: John French; Richard Burrowse; Thomas Robins; Joseph Maule

Tithingmen: Robert Smart; Andrew Smith; Richard Key; John Hall

Tasters of victuals: Thomas Page; John Tyms; Richard Shawe; James Harvey

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury
[None of the above have a note of swearing.]

Licences continued to Mr Sutton and Mr Stokes.

1678-9

[f.148] 29 September 1678.

Mr John Stokes this day was sworn Mayor before Mr John West, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr John Hams, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr William Hawtaine, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr John Welchman, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Thomas Halhed, Mr John Cave and Mr Charles Stokes.

Auditors: Mr William Hawtaine; Mr John Welchman; Mr Thomas Halhed

Bridgemasters: Mr Samuel Hall; Mr John Allington

Constables: Edward Rennols; James West; Henry Steward; James Harvey; John Mason [probably a mistake for Thomas Mason, see 1679-80]; Thomas Wise

Tasters of victuals: Thomas Page; John Tyms; Richard Shawe; James Harvey

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury

[None of the above has a note of swearing. Tithingmen do not appear this year or subsequently, but there are six constables instead of four henceforth.]

[f.148] Licences granted to Mr Thomas Sutton and Mr Charles Stokes to sell wine in Banbury.

[f.149] 2 January 1679[/80].

The account of Mr Samuel Rennols, Chamberlain, from 22 September 1677 to 2 January 1679[/80]. [In fact these are the audit dates, and the account appears to be for the three years 1676-7, 1677-8 and 1678-9.]

	£	s	d
His receipts	141	16	2
His disbursements	108	5	8½
Remains in his hands	33	10	5½

William Hawtayne, John Welchman, Thomas Halhed, auditors.

1679-80

[f.149] 29 September 1679.

Mr Thomas Sutton this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr John Stokes, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr Samuel Rennols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Samuel Hall, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John West junior, Mr Thomas Halhed and Mr John Cave.

Mr William Hawtayne and Mr Richard Wheatly are sworn assessors and assizers with him.

Auditors: Mr William Hawtayne; Mr John Welchman; Mr Thomas Halhed
 Bridgemasters: Mr Richard Wheatly; Mr Thomas Halhed
 Constables: Edward Rennols; James West; Henry Steward; James Harvey;
 Thomas Mason; Thomas Wise
 Tasters of victuals: Thomas Page; John Tyms; Edward Dudley; Robert
 Bloxham

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury.
 [No note of swearing. For Chamberlain's accounts, see 1680-1.]

1680-1

[f.150] 29 September 1680.

Mr John Allington this day was sworn Mayor, before Mr Thomas Sutton, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr Rennolls, Mr Hawtayne, Mr Wheatly, Mr Hall, Mr Harvey, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr John West junior, Mr Halhed, Mr Cave, Mr Charles Stokes, Mr Samuel West and Mr John French.

Auditors: Mr Wheatly; Mr John Stokes; Mr John West junior
 Bridgemasters: Mr Wheatly; Mr Halhed
 Constables: Andrew Smith; Joseph Stockley; John Hams; William
 Leaver; Joseph Butler; Henry Lucas; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals: John Tyms; Thomas Page; Edward Walford; William
 Annesley; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury;
 both sworn

Licences granted to Mr Thomas Sutton and to Mr Charles Stokes to keep taverns as formerly, etc. [sic] (selling good wine and just measure).

[House of Commons Journal]

25 March 1681.

A Petition of Thomas Wise, esquire, touching the Election for the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxon., was read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Elections and Privileges; to examine the matter thereof; and to report the same, with their Opinion thereon, to the House.

[This related to the Election for the fourth Parliament of Charles II, when Sir John Holman, baronet, was returned as Member for the Borough, as he had been in the three earlier Parliaments of the reign, in 1661, and twice in 1679. The petition appears to be the first indication of the political disputes on the Corporation and over the parliamentary franchise which continued for nearly forty years.]

[Book of Accounts, f.151v] 17 February 1681 [2].

Mr Samuel Rennols' account as Chamberlain [for 1679-80 and 1680-1].

	£	s	d
His receipts	130	4	8
His disbursements	128	2	9
Remaining in his hands	2	1	11

Samuel Hall, Thomas Sutton, Auditors.

1681-2

[f.153] 29 September 1681.

Mr James West this day was sworn Mayor, in the presence of Mr John Allington, late Mayor, Mr Renols, Mr Hawtyne, Mr Hall, Mr Wheatly, Mr Harvey, Mr John Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John West junior, Mr Cave, Mr Charles Stokes, Mr Samuel West, Mr John French, Mr Richard Crooke.

Auditors elected: Mr Samuel Hall; Mr Thomas Sutton; Mr John French

Bridgemasters elected: Mr Andrew Harvey; Mr John Cave

Constables elected: John Hames; William Leaver; Henry Lucas; Joseph Butler; William Wells; John Berry; all sworn

Tasters of victuals: John Tymmes; Thomas Page; Edward Walford; William Ansley; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: John Greenhill; William Dankes; both sworn

Licences granted to Mr Thomas Sutton and Mr Stokes to keep taverns as formerly.

[f.152] 9 January 1682[/3].

Mr Samuel Rennols' account as Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His receipts	59	3	1
His disbursements	36	0	6
Remains due from him	23	2	7
And in Thomas Coles' hand for one whole year's rent due 21 December last	20	0	0

Richard Wheatly, John West, Charles Stokes, Auditors.

1682-3

[f.155] 29 September 1682.

Mr William Hawtaine this day was sworn Mayor, in the presence of Mr James West, late Mayor, Mr Renols, Mr Hall, Mr Wheatly, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John West senior, Mr Sutton, Mr Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Cave, Mr Charles Stokes, Mr Samuel West, Mr French, Mr Crooke.

Auditors: Mr Richard Wheatly; Mr John West senior;
Mr Charles Stokes

Bridgemasters continued: Mr Andrew Harvey; Mr John Cave

Constables continued: John Hams, William Leaver, Joseph Butler;
Henry Lucas; William Wells; John Berry; all
sworn

Tasters of victuals: John Tims; Thomas Page; Edward Dudley;
Richard Shaw senior; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoyne; Robert Norbury;
both sworn

Licences granted to Mr Sutton and Mr Charles Stokes to keep taverns as formerly.

[f.154] 26 January 1683[/4].

Mr Samuel Rennols' account as Chamberlain.

His receipts	76	14	2
His disbursements	76	19	8
Rests due to him in arrears		5	6

All former accounts being discharged by him.

John Welchman, John Allington, Samuel West, Auditors.

[f.158] 26 January 1683[/4].

Due from Mr Andrew Harvey and Mr John Cave as Bridgemasters	33	10	0
Whereof was paid to Bridgemaster Mr Henry Stokes	18	17	0
And to Mr Samuel West	14	13	0

And then Mr Harvey and Mr John Cave were discharged.

John Welchman, John Allington, Samuel West, Auditors.

[for further Bridgemasters' accounts see under 1684-5.]

1683-4

[f.157] 29 September 1683.

Mr Richard Wheatly this day was sworn Mayor, in the presence of Mr William Hawtayne, late Mayor, Mr James West, Mr Renolls, Mr Hall, Mr Harvey, Mr Welchman, Mr John West senior, Mr Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr Samuel West, Mr French.

Auditors: Mr John Welchman; Mr John Allington; Mr Samuel West

Bridgemasters: Mr Henry Stokes; Mr Samuel West

Constables: Richard Halhed; John Cowley; William March; Malchi Harvey; John Towerzey; James Walker; all sworn

Tasters of victuals: John Tims; Thomas Page; Edward Dudley; Richard Shaw; all sworn

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoyne; Robert Norbury; both sworn

[All offices described as 'elected'.]

Licences granted to Mr Thomas Sutton and Mr Charles Stokes to keep taverns as formerly.

[In the autumn of 1683 the Charter was voluntarily surrendered and on petition from the Corporation a fresh one was issued in December. The national events which led up to this surrender, the policy behind the issue of new charters, the significance of the proviso of Crown approval and its consequences, are discussed in the Introduction, p.xiii. The expenses of obtaining the new Charter are shown in 1685-6, and the extension of the jurisdiction of the Justices over the whole parish is indicated in 1684-5, 1685-6 and 1686-7.]

[P.R.O. State Paper Office (SP) Entry Books 44/66, ff. 306-8.]

[f.306] 1 December 1683.

Charter to Banbury.

Our Will and pleasure is, that you prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to pass Our Great Seal for Incorporating the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxford by the name of the Mayor Aldermen and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Banbury in the County of Oxford with power to plead and to be impleaded, purchase and dispose lands and tenements, goods and chattels, and to have a Common Seal, and for constituting the present Members Officers of the said Corporation according to the List annexed, and granting and conferring to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses and their successors all such lands tenements rents liberties immunities powers privileges franchises authorities customs and hereditaments which they and their predecessors held or enjoyed, or ought to have held or enjoyed by any lawful ways or means whatsoever, and under their former rents and services, with power to swear the present Officers and Members, and such alterations and additions to be inserted as are mentioned in the paper of heads hereunto annexed; with a Proviso that it shall and may be lawful for Us Our Heirs and Successors by Orders in Council to displace any Mayor, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, High Steward, Town Clerk, Coroner and Assistants of the said Borough; and

[SP 44/66, f.306]

you are to insert in the said Bill all such other powers and clauses as you shall judge requisite in this behalf. And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the first day of December 1683.

To our Trusty and Wellbeloved,

Our Attorney General.

[f.307]

The Paper of Heads annexed to the foregoing Warrant for Banbury.

That the seven fairs granted in the Old Charter, which were to continue one day apiece, may continue for two days apiece, and if any of the Fair Days happen to be upon a Saturday, that it may continue till Monday night following, and if any one happen to be on a Sunday, then to be on the 2 days next following.

That the Mayor for the time being, the Recorder and the 3 Eldest Aldermen which are Justices of the Peace within the Borough, may be Justices likewise within all the Parish of Banbury that lies in the County of Oxon., that is to say, Calthorpe, Easington, Wickham, Neithrop and Hardwick.

That the Mayor for the time being may be a Justice of Peace in the Borough and Parish aforesaid for the year next after his Mayoralty.

Richard Whately to be the Mayor and Justice of the Peace
Aldermen

James West	To be standing Justices of the Peace
Samuel Rennolls	
William Hawtayne	

Samuel Hall	Capital Burgesses
Andrew Harvey	
Henry Stokes	John West junior
John Welchman	John Cave
John Stokes	Charles Stokes
John West senior	Samuel West
Thomas Sutton	John French
John Allington	Richard Croke

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Crew Baron of Steane to be High Steward.

[f.308] Samuel Trist Esquire to be Recorder.

Richard Downes to be Town Clerk and Coroner.

Assistants

The said Mr Richard Downes	Mr Thomas Metcalfe
Sir John Holman, Baronet	Mr Nicholas Knottesford
Mr Robert Longe	Mr Ambrose Horseman
Mr Timothy Lawrence	Mr Thomas Nicholls
Mr Philip Style	Mr William Harvey

[SP 44/66, f.308]
[Assistants, contd.]

Mr Nathaniel Goodwine	Thomas Morton, Esquire
Mr Joseph Hams	Mr Ambrose Holbech
Mr John Butler	Thomas Wodhull, Esquire
Sir Thomas Cobb, Baronet	Richard Thompson, Esquire
Humphrey Wickham, Esquire	Mr Edward Rennolls
William Barber, Esquire	Mr Andrew Smith
John Blencowe, Esquire	Sir John Egerton, Baronet
Mr Daniel Style	Mr Bezaleel Knight
[d. Samuel Trist, Esquire]	William Stokes, Esquire
The Honorable Rogert [sic] North,	Mr Joseph Mawle
Esquire	Mr Richard Burrowes [Mg. Wh (?)
	December 29th 1683]

Memorandum. That the name of Samuel Tryst, Esquire, the 19th in this list of Assistants, was struck out, and the names of Mr Joseph Mawle and Mr Richard Burrowes were added at the latter end of the said list in his Majesty's presence and by his Command.

L. Jenkins.

[Book of Accounts, f.154]

8 April 1685.

Mr Samuel Reanols' account as Chamberlain	£	s	d
His receipts	48	10	0
His disbursements	60	18	9
Rests due to him	12	8	9

Andrew Harvey, John Stokes, auditors.

[f.163v] 4 February 1686[/7].

The account of Mr Richard Wheatly, late Mayor.

His disbursements	26	18	6
His receipts	4	0	0
Rests to him	22	18	6

Mr Wheatly received of Mr John Hawtayne by order of Court at a Hall held 20 August 1687, being Mr Hawtin's freedom money.

Rests due to Mr Wheatly	6	0	0
	16	18	6

1684-5

[f.160] 29 September 1684.

Mr Samuel Rennolds this day was sworn Mayor, in the presence of Mr Richard Wheatly, late Mayor, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr John Welchman, Mr John West senior, Mr Thomas Sutton, Mr John Allington, Mr Charles Stoakes, Mr Richard Croke, Mr Edward Rennolds.

The same day Mr Richard Wheatly was sworn Justice for the Borough and Parish in the County of Oxford for the next year.

Auditors elected: Mr Andrew Harvey; Mr John Stoakes; Mr Richard Croke
 Bridgemasters elected and continued: Mr Henry Stoakes; Mr Samuel West
 Constables: Richard Halhead; John Cowley; William March; Malachy
 Harvey; John Towerzey; James Walker; all sworn
 Tasters of victuals elected: John Tims; Thomas Page; Edward Dudley;
 John Shaw; all sworn
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norberry;
 both sworn.

Licences granted to Mr Sutton and Mr Stoakes to keep taverns as formerly.

[f.154] 5 February 1685[/6].

Mr Samuel Renalls' account as Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His receipts	33	4	6
His disbursements	52	6	1
Rests due to him	19	1	7

John Allington, John Cave, Edward Rennols, Auditors.

[f.158] 10 February 1685[/6].

Due from Mr Henry Stokes and Mr Samuel West	51	6	9
Which remains in their hands as last Bridgemasters:			
Mr Henry Stoakes, £33.9s.4d.; Mr Samuel West, £17.17s.5d.			
In the whole	51	6	9

John Allington, John Cave, Edward Rennols, Auditors.

Mr Henry Stokes has paid £10 to Mr Croke, one of the new Bridgemasters.

The sum of £17.17s.5d. that was in the hands of Mr Samuel West was paid by him to Mr John Welchman and Mr Richard Croke, 8 May 1686, and so he is discharged.

4 February 1686[/7], Mr Henry Stokes has paid the £23.9s.4d. above mentioned to Mr Welchman and Mr Croke. So he is acquitted.

John Welchman, Richard Croke [signatures].

4 February 1686[/7]. There rests in their hands, £32.2s.6d.

[signatures:] John West, Charles Stokes, Andrew Smith, auditors;
 John Knight, minister; James Robins, Henry Tasker, churchwardens.

[for further Bridgemaster' accounts see under 1686-7.]

1685-6

[f.162] 29 September 1685.

Mr Andrew Harvey this day was sworn Mayor of this Borough and also Justice of the Peace for the Borough and Parish of Banbury, in the presence of Mr Samuel Rennols, late Mayor, Mr William Hawtyne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Welchman, Mr John Stokes, Mr John Allington, Mr John Cave, Mr Richard Crooke, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Maule, Mr William Thorpe.

Auditors elected: Mr John Allington; Mr John Cave; Mr Edward Rennols
 Bridgemasters elected: Mr John Welchman; Mr Richard Crooke
 Constables continued: Jacob Gascoyne; John Cowlee; William March; Malachy Harvey; John Towersey
 Constable elected: Thomas Michall
 Tasters of victuals elected: John Tyms; Robert Page; Edward Dudley; John Shawe
 Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoyne; Robert Norbury

[No notes of swearing relating to any of the above.]

A new licence is granted to Mr Daniel Style. The licence is granted to Mistress Sarah Sutton* as formerly.

[f.159] 19 July 1686.

An account of those persons that are money out of purse for the Corporation, with the sums they are out against their names. Which money was laid out for the renewing of the Charter** and for a defence of an action concerning the poor of the parish of Banbury.

		£	s	d
Mr Andrew Harvey, Mayor, is out of purse		4	0	0
Mr Samuel Rennols is out of purse	paid	4	0	0
Mr William Hawtyne is out of purse		3	0	0
Mr Richard Wheatly		4	0	0
Mr Henry Stokes	[two crosses denoting payment made]	4	0	0
Mr John Welchman	£4 [payment made]	4	0	0
Mr John Stokes		4	0	0
Mr John West senior		4	0	0
Mr Allington	paid by fine, September 1709	4	0	0
Mr John West junior		5	16	6
Mr John Cave	£4 [payment made]	4	0	0
Mr Charles Stokes		4	0	0
Mr Samuel West		4	0	0
Mr Richard Crooke	£4 [payment made]	4	0	0
Mr Edward Rennols		14	8	4
Mr Andrew Smith	£1 [?payment made]	1	0	0
Mr Joseph Maule	£1 [Mg. Paid 9 June 1697]	1	0	0
Mr William Thorpe	£1 [?payment made]	1	0	0
Due to Mr James West's widow		3	0	0

* Her husband Thomas Sutton was buried 12 April 1685.

** See 1683-4.

[f.159]	£	s	d
Due to Mr Thomas Sutton's widow	3	0	0
[cross probably denoting payment made]			
Due to Mr John Frenché's widow	3	0	0
[cross probably denoting payment made]			
Due to Dr Lane	14	0	0
[cross probably denoting payment made]			
Which £14 with interest was paid 24 December 1686.			

The said several sums shall be repaid out of the Chamber of the Borough as money comes in, to each man proportionately to what he is out of purse, but Doctor Lane's money with interest to be first paid.

Mr Henry Stoakes was paid by a fine for refusing to be Mayor, the sum of	2	0	0
Mr John Welchman, item*	2	0	0
Mr John West junior, for the same*	2	0	0
Mr Charles Stoakes, item*	2	0	0
Mr Edward Rennolls was paid £5, 4 February 1686[7], in part of £14.8s.4d. So rests due to him	9	8	4
Mistress Sutton's £3 was paid by Mr Samuel Rennolls, Chamberlain, 10 September 1687.			
Mr Samuel Reynolds was paid in his account his £4, 5 March 1687/8 [sic].			

[f.163v] The account of Mr Renolls, Chamberlain, taken 4 February 1686[7].

His receipts	92	0	3
His disbursements	83	13	9
Rests in his hands	8	6	6
At the same time allowed him what he was out for the pension money to that day	3	13	2
So rests in his hands	4	13	4

John West, Charles Stokes, Andrew Smith, Auditors.

The account of John Goodwine, sergeant-at-mace, taken for four years past.

Received by estreats	3	15	0
His wages	8	0	0
So rests due to him	4	5	0

Mr Samuel Renolls, Chamberlain, paid John Goodwin £4 of this money.

* These three also appear to have refused the mayoralty. John Cave, the next Mayor, was junior to Welchman and West.

1686-7

[f.163] 29 September 1686.

Mr John Cave this day was sworn Mayor of this Borough and also Justice of the Peace for the Borough and parish of Banbury, in the presence of Mr Andrew Harvey, late Mayor, Mr Samuel Renols, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Henry Stoakes, Mr John Welchman, Mr John Stoakes, Mr John West senior;

Mr Charles Stoakes, Mr Richard Crooke, Mr Edward Renolls, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Mawle, Mr William Thorpe.

[The last six were chief burgesses; presumably Charles Stokes' refusal of the Mayoralty, recorded under 1685-6, actually took place later when he had become an alderman.]

Auditors elected: Mr John West junior; Mr Charles Stokes;
Mr Andrew Smith

Bridgemasters elected: Mr John Welchman; Mr Richard Crooke

Constables: Thomas Mitchell; Jacob Gascoigne; Richard Ryder; William Calcott; Christopher Feenimore; Edward Towerzey

Tasters of victuals: John Tims; Robert Page; Edward Walford; William Ansley

Searchers and sealers[of leather]: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury

[No notes of swearing relating to any of the above.]

Licence: Granted to Mr Daniel Styles to keep a tavern at the Unicorn for this year ensuing, and the like to Mistress Sarah Sutton to keep a tavern at the Reindeer for this year ensuing.

[f.164] 4 February 1686[/7].

Mr Samuel Renolls is continued in the place of Chamberlain.

[For Chamberlain's accounts relating to this year and up to Renolls' removal from office in February 1687/8, see under 1687-8; and for a note on John Cave's Mayoral account, see under 1688-9, with John West.]

[f.164v] 10 July 1687.

It is agreed that Mr Thomas Martine shall have liberty to build a wall against his house, he paying one shilling a year to the Corporation when the Chamberlain shall demand the same, the wall not to exceed sixteen feet in breadth and thirty-two feet in length.

[f.157v] 5 March 1687[/8].

	£	s	d
Due from Mr John Welchman and Mr Richard Croke,			
Bridgemasters	36	2	2

Which was paid to Mr John West and Mr Edward Rennolls accordingly, and then Mr Welchman and Mr Crooke were discharged.

[signatures:] John West, Edward Rennolls, Bridgemasters; Richard Burrows, Christopher Fennimore, Jacob Gascoigne, auditors; John Knight, minister; John Youicke, Henry Tasker, churchwardens.

1687-8

[f.165] 29 September 1687.

Mr John West junior this day was sworn Mayor of this Borough, before Mr John Cave, late Mayor, Mr Samuel Renolls, Mr Henry Stokes, Mr John Welchman, Mr John West senior, Mr John Allington, Mr Edward Renolls, Mr Joseph Maule; and at the same time John West took the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Test.

Auditors elected: Mr John Welchman; Mr John West senior; Mr Joseph Maule

Bridgemasters: Mr John West senior; Mr Edward Renolls

Constables: Thomas Mitchell; Jacob Gascoigne; Richard Ryder; William Calcott; Christopher Feenimore; Edward Towerzey

Tasters of victuals: John Tims; Robert Page; Edward Walford; William Anslowe

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gasquoine; Robert Norbury

[None of the above has a note of swearing.]

Licences: Granted to Mr Charles Stokes to keep a tavern at the Three Tuns for this year ensuing; and the like to Mistress Sarah Sutton to keep a tavern at the Rein-deer for this year ensuing.

[Under the 1683 Charter the Crown had reserved the right to displace Corporation members and officers. The national events which led up to the drastic exercising of this right are discussed in the Introduction, page xiii.]

[P.R.O. Privy Council Registers 2/72, ff.534-5.]

At the Court at Whitehall, 20 November 1687.

Present: The King's most excellent Majesty [James II] [and six members of the Council].

[Mg.] Officers removed from their Employment in the Corporations following [Banbury is preceded by Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Honiton and Tiverton].

Whereas by the Charter granted to the Town of Banbury a power is reserved to his Majesty by his Order in Council to remove from their Employment any officers in the said town; His Majesty in Council is pleased to Order that Samuel Reignolds, William Hawtin and Richard Wheatly, Justices of the Peace and Aldermen; Andrew Harvey, Henry Stokes and John Stokes, Aldermen; Samuel West, Edward Reignolds and William Thorpe, Chief Burgesses; Richard Down, Town Clerk and Assistant and Philip Styles, Assistant, there, be and they are hereby removed and displaced from their aforesaid offices in the said town of Banbury.

[P.R.O. Privy Council Registers 2/72, f.590.]

At the Court at Whitehall, 3 February 1687[8].

Present: The King's most excellent Majesty [and twenty others].

[Mg.] Banbury, officers displaced.

An Order (in usual form) for removing out of the Borough of Banbury, John West, Mayor; John Allington, Charles Stokes, John Welchman, John West senior, Aldermen; Joseph Maul, Andrew Smith, Burgesses; Samuel Reynolds, Chamberlain; and John Knight, clerk, Assistant.

[These two orders together removed eleven of the twelve aldermen and five of the six burgesses. The only two left were John Cave, alderman, and Richard Crooke, burgess.]

[Book of Accounts, f.142v. This is the verso of the leaf detailing the bonds for Harding's, Oken's and Brightwell's money accounted for by Henry Smith's widow when Samuel Reynolds became Chamberlain in 1674-5.]

5 March 1687[8].

The account of Mr Samuel Rennolls, late Chamberlain; there remained due to him £1.16s.5d. which was then paid to him by Mr John Austin, present Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
Mr Rennolls' receipts	70	3	10
Disbursements	72	0	3

Harding's money.

One bond of Edward Walford, butcher; bound with him, Nathaniel Ball of Northnewton [North Newington] and Mr Ansly of Banbury	6	15	0
Another bond of John Bloxham; bound with him Richard Bloxham of Tadmarton and his son Thomas	6	15	0
Another bond of John Barnes at the Poleax; bound with him John Kenning and William Kenning; Will. did not seal	6	15	0
Another bond of Henry Steward; bound with him Joyce Penn and Mathew Hollett	6	15	0
Another bond of Alice Lovell; bound with her John Cowley	6	15	0
Another bond of Edward Dudley; bound with him Thomas Maunder and Robert Barnes	6	15	0

Oken's money.

One bond of William Wagstaffe; bound with him John Gullifer and Richard Hodkins	5	3	4
Another bond of Benjamin Newman; bound with him Mr Samuel Huckill	5	3	4
Another bond of Margaret King [Thomas Welford, d.]; bound with her Thomas Welford	5	3	4

[f.142v - Oken's money contd.]

£ s d

Another bond of Edmund Carter; bound with him, John
Hating, Robert Norbery

5 3 4

Another bond of Philip Tyler; bound with him, Richard
Tyler

5 3 4

Another bond of William Gulliver; bound with him,
Samuel Wells, John Hating

5 3 4

Brightwell's money.

One bond of John Tranter; bound with him, John
Burrowes and Stevens Burrowes

2 0 0

Another bond of John Spicer's; bound with him, John
Tranter

2 0 0

Another bond of John Hating; bound with him John Carter

2 0 0

Another bond of Elizabeth Perkyns; bound with her,
Margaret Perkyns and Anthony White

2 0 0

Another bond of Elizabeth Perryn; bound with her,
William Perryn and William Wagstaffe

2 0 0

Another bond of Robert Norbury; bound with him, John
Warren and Thomas Gascoigne

2 0 0

Another bond of Francis Eagelston; bound with him,
Joseph Butler

2 0 0

Another bond of John Tranter; bound with him, John
Burrowes and Stevens Burrowes

2 0 0

Another bond of Richard Perkyns, bound with him,
John Tims and Thomas Rodes

2 0 0

Another bond of John Baker; bound with him, Thomas
Jordan and Joseph Smith

2 0 0

Paid in money

2 10 0

Paid in by bond wherein Richard Sheldon was bound

2 10 0

So Mr Samuel Rennolls is discharged.

[Mg.] Richard Burrows, Christopher Fennimore, Jacob Gascoigne,
Auditors.*

[See under 1688-9 for a note of the return of these bonds to Samuel
Rennolls on his reinstatement as Chamberlain.]

[f.143v] 5 March 1687[8].

These several deeds and writings were delivered by Mr Samuel Rennolls,
late Chamberlain, to Mr John Austen, the present Chamberlain.

10 January 45 Eliz. [1603/4]. A deed of charitable uses concerning the
borough.

20 May 32 Car. II [1680] A deed poll concerning £10 given by
Henry Smith, esquire.

* These auditors were presumably chosen by, and perhaps members of, the
Crown-nominated replacement Corporation. Burrows was an Assistant
under the 1683 Charter, and a Corporation member by 1693; Fennimore
and Gascoigne were Constables the previous year and this.

[f.143v]

- 30 April 36 Car. II [1684]. A lease to Nathaniel Reason of the Bridge house in the Shambles.
- 18 November 26 Car. II [1674]. A lease to John Coles of the sheep pens
- 15 November 22 Car. II [1670]. A lease to Mathew Smith of [ground and d.] a house.
- 16 November 22 Car. II [1670]. A lease to Mathew Smith of a garden and orchard.

2 small rent-roll books.

The counterpart of the deed of covenants between the Mayor and the Company of the Woollen Drapers in Banbury.

Mathew Smith's lease for the poor's land.

Mathew Smith's lease for the Bridge land.

A lease of William Butler of the Church lands and bond for performance of covenant.

A lease of Joyce Pym for waste [ground, d.].

A lease of Christopher Bensley's.

A lease of Ann Taylor for Church land.

A copy of the Woollen Drapers' orders.

A note that Mr John West, junior, had £5 of drivers [sic] money.

[At the left of each of the above items is the letter 'd', probably for 'delivered', and entered as a check.]

1688-9

[f.166] 29 September 1688.

Mr Nathaniel Wheately was this day sworn Mayor of this Borough, before Mr John Austen, late Mayor, Mr John Langston, Mr John Youick, Mr Richard Gunn, Mr William Gulliver, Mr John Bowers; and took the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

[These were the Crown nominees who formed the Corporation from February 1687/8, when virtually all its previous members were ejected. It is noteworthy that the two who remained, John Cave and Richard Crooke, did not take part in this Mayor-making. Within a month this Corporation was itself displaced when the former members were reinstated.]

Auditors elected: Mr John Langston; Mr John Youick; Mr Richard Gunn

Bridgemasters: Mr John West senior; Mr Edward Rennolls*

Constables: William Calcutt; Richard Rider [sworn]; Edward Towerzey [sworn]; Richard Wheately [sworn]; John Welles; John Parsons

Tasters of victuals: John Times; Robert Page; Edward Walford; William Anslowe

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoigne; Robert Norbury.

Licences: Granted to Mr John Towerzey to keep a tavern at the Red Lion for this year ensuing; and the like to Mistress Sarah Sutton to keep a tavern at the Rein-deer for this year ensuing.

* No longer Corporation members, but serving the usual second term.

[James II's policies had brought him intense unpopularity. In October 1688, as a panic measure to attempt to save his threatened throne, he abrogated all the charters of recent years, ostensibly because they had not been enrolled. Those so summarily dismissed were thus reinstated, and the Crown nominees were themselves displaced.]

[f.166v]

Memorandum that on Thursday 25 October in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James the second over England etc. [1688], His Majesty's Proclamation entitled a Proclamation for restoring Corporations to their Ancient Charters, Liberties, Rights and Franchises, was sent to this Borough of Banbury from Sir Henry Brown, baronet, High Sheriff of the county of Oxford, and directed to the Mayor of the said Borough, to be publicly proclaimed as was usual in such cases; which said Proclamation together with His Majesty's Order of Council and Mandamus thereunto annexed, bearing date the 17 October, on Thursday, the said 25th day of the same month of October, in open market were publicly read and proclaimed by John Goodwine, one of the Sergeants at Mace; and immediately after proclamation thereof, the same was affixed to one of the posts of the Market House within the said Borough, which is usual in such cases. Which said Proclamation, Order of Council and Mandamus follow in these words, that is to say,

By the King, A Proclamation for restoring Corporations to their ancient Charters, Liberties, Rights and Franchises:

[The proclamation is given in full in the Book of Accounts, but those parts of no local relevance are here omitted.]

James R.,

Whereas we are informed that several deeds of Surrender which have been lately made by several Corporations of their Charters franchises and privileges are not yet recorded or enrolled; and that such Corporations are not disincorporate or dissolved; and that it is in our power to leave such Corporations in the same state and condition they were in; We do hereby publish and declare that upon due search and examination made, We have satisfaction that the Deeds of Surrender made by the Corporations are not enrolled or recorded in any of our Courts; and we of mere grace and favour being resolved to restore and put all our Cities Towns and Boroughs into the same state and condition they were in our late dear brother's Reign, before any Deed of Surrender was made; We do hereby therefore publish, declare, direct and require, that the said Corporations and Bodies Politick and Corporate of the said Cities, Towns and Boroughs, whose deeds of Surrender are not enrolled nor judgements entered against them; Mayors, Bailiffs, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, Assistants, Recorders, Town Clerks, Magistrates, Ministers, Officers, Freemen, and all and every others the members of or in every of them respectively upon the publication of this our Proclamation, take on them and proceed to act as a Corporation or Body politick, and when places are vacant by death or otherwise, to make elections, constitute and fill up the same (notwithstanding the usual days and times of elections by the ancient Charters and Constitutions

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shall happen to be past); and to do, execute and perform all and every matter and thing, as they lawfully might and ought to have done, if no such deeds of Surrender, Rules for Judgements or other proceedings upon any such Quo Warranto or Informations had been had or made. And for the better effecting our said intentions, We have by an order made by Us in Council, and under our Sign Manual, and we do also by this our Proclamation made with the advice of Our said Council, discharge, remove, and dismiss all and every person and persons, of and from all Offices and places which they or any of them have or claim only by Charter, Patent or Grant from our dear Brother or from our Self since the dates of the respective Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgement; and that all and every such person or persons deliver up into the hands and custody of the said persons hereby appointed and intended to act and execute the said Offices and Places, all and every the Charters, Records, Books, Evidences and matters concerning the said respective Corporations.

Given at our Court at Whitehall the 17 day of October 1688 in the 4th year of our Reign.

[Beesley, p.504, states: "The Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, Assistants, and Town Clerk, who had been lately put into office, being thus dismissed, their predecessors, by virtue of the Proclamation and their old Charter, met together at the Town-hall, and chose John West the younger Mayor on the same 25th October."

The authority quoted for this is the Book of Accounts, but no record of this meeting and Mayoral election survives.]

[Book of Accounts, f.142v - this page lists the bonds handed over by Samuel Rennolls (when he was ejected as Chamberlain in March 1687/8) to his replacement, John Austen.]

[Mg.] Memorandum, 2 November 1688, the said bonds [see 1687-8] were delivered into the hands of Mr Samuel Rennolls, Chamberlain, by Mr John Austen, late Chamberlain; as also these deeds and leases belonging to the Corporation, with the sum of £2.10s., and so he is discharged.

[f.165v] 2 November 1688.

Memorandum. Mr John Austin, late Chamberlain, paid £2 to Mr John West and Mr Edward Renolls, Bridgemasters; which money was received of Mathew Smith junior as a fine for the house he now lives in.

[For a note about John West's and Edward Renolls' accounts as Bridgemasters, see under 1690-1.]

[f.159v] 1689.

The account of Mr John West, junior, late Mayor, taken 8 March 1689 [90]

	£	s	d
Rests due to him	1	10	0
Rests due to Mr John Cave	1	18	6

[f.159v] The account of Mr John West, senior, Bridgemaster, taken the same day [8 March 1689/90].

	£	s	d
His receipts	39	0	4
His disbursements	31	0	5
Rests in his hands		7	19 11

[see also 1690-1]

The account of Mr Edward Renolls, Bridgemaster, taken the same day.

His receipts	31	1	10
His disbursements	10	6	9
Rests in his hands	20	15	1

Which was since paid, so he is discharged. [see also 1690-1]

Andrew Harvey, John West, William Thorp, Auditors.

Paid by the Glovers' Company to Mr Samuel Rennolls, late Chamberlain, which he omitted in his account given in by Mr Edward Rennolls, his executor*

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Paid more by the Drapers' Company, which was omitted
Paid by a butcher to Mr Edward Rennolls, which was not entered

5 0

7 0

Paid by Joseph Bloxham to Mr Samuel Rennolls for timber laid upon the waste

1 0

1689-90

[f.185] 29 September 1689.

Mr John Welchman this day was sworn Mayor of this Borough and Justice of the Peace of the same, before Mr John West, junior, late Mayor, Mr Samuel Renalls, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr Andrew Harvey, Mr John West senior, Mr John Cave, Mr Charles Stokes, Mr Samuel West, Mr Richard Crook, Mr Edward Renalls, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Maule, Mr William Tharpe.

Auditors: Mr Andrew Harvey; Mr John West junior; Mr William Tharpe

Bridgemasters: Mr John Allington; Mr Andrew Smith

Constables: Richard Wheatly; Benjamin Spuriat; Anthony Reason; William Perrine junior; Richard Bennet; Thomas Stranke

Tasters of victuals: John Tims; Robert Page; Robert Bloxham; John Shawe

Searchers and sealers of leather: Thomas Gascoyne; Robert Norbury

At the same time wine licences were granted to Mr Charles Stoakes and Mr John Towerzey to keep taverns at their several houses they now live in.

* Mr Samuel Rennolls, Justice of the Peace, buried 1 February 1689/90.

[For the politics of Banbury's Members of Parliament and the circumstances that led up to the following petitions, see the Introduction. Sir Robert Dashwood had been returned as Member to the 'Convention' parliament of 1688/9, and again to the parliament summoned by William and Mary in the second year of their reign (1689-90). The petitioners Nathaniel Wheatly and John Austen had both been Mayor of James II's substitute Corporation in 1688.]

[Journal of the House of Commons]

31 March 1690.

A Petition of Nathaniel Wheatly, and others, in behalf of themselves, and others, the Freemen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury, was read; setting forth, That, 24 February last, the Mayor gave Notice of Election: at which time the Petitioners, to the number of 140, did give their votes for John Hawles, Esquire: But the Mayor refused to admit them; whereupon they demanded a poll, but was denied it: That then they executed an Indenture of Return of John Hawles; but the Mayor refused to accept it, but made a Return of Sir Robert Dashwood under the Common Seal, though elected but by ten of the Aldermen and Capital Burgesses; to the great wrong of the Petitioners and the Freemen of the Borough: and praying the Redress of the House in the premises; and that the Indenture, so returned by the Mayor, may be taken off from the Precept, and the Indenture executed by the Petitioners affixed thereto.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; Who are to examine the Matter thereof; and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

16 October 1690.

A Petition of the Freemen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury was read; setting forth, That, at the Election on 24 February, the Petitioners, and other the Freemen and Burgesses of the Borough, to the number of 110, who, as well as the Mayor, Aldermen and capital Burgesses of the Borough, had a right to vote in the Election, and did vote for John Hawles, Esquire; yet the Mayor refused to admit the Petitioners, and other Burgesses: Whereupon they demanded a poll: Which being denied, they to the number of 40, executed an Indenture, testifying the Election of John Hawles; and demanded of the Mayor to return the same, with the Precept: Which he refused; and, in the stead thereof, has returned Sir Robert Dashwood, by an Indenture under the Common Seal; who had but ten of the Aldermen and Burgesses that voted for him, the rest voting for John Hawles: And praying the House would be pleased to redress the Matters aforesaid; and order the Indenture, now affixed to the Precept, to be taken ...; and the other Indenture, executed by the Petitioners, and other the Burgesses, to be affixed to the same.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; Who are to examine the Matter thereof; and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

[For a further petition to Parliament, and the outcome, see 1691-2.]

[Book of Accounts, f.185] 1 September 1690.

Mr Charles Stokes was elected to serve the office of Mayor for the year ensuing; but he, refusing to serve, was fined the sum of £5.

The same day Mr Samuel West was elected Mayor, but he refused and was fined £2.

The same day Mr Richard Crooke was elected and refused to serve and was therefore fined £2.

Memorandum there is due to the said Mr John Welchman from this Corporation £1.3s. for money disbursed by him in the time of his Mayoralty for the use of this Corporation.

1690-1

[f.186] 29 September 1690.

Mr John West, senior, this day was sworn Mayor and Justice of the Peace before Mr John Welchman, late Mayor, Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatley, Mr John Allington, Mr John Cave, Mr Charles [Stokes], Mr John West [junior], Mr Samuel West, Mr Richard Crooke, Mr Edward Reynolds, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr William Thorp, Mr Malachi Harvey.

Auditors: Mr Charles Stokes; Mr Samuel West; Mr Malachi Harvey

Bridgemasters: Mr John Allington; Mr Andrew Smith

Constables: Thomas Wise; Richard Burden; John Cole; John Greenhill;
Edward Walker; John Franklyn

Tasters of victuals: Richard Shaw; William Anneslow; John Tims; Robert Padge

Searchers and sealers of leather: Robert Norbury; Robert Gascoigne.

At the same time wine licences were granted to Mr Charles Stoakes and Mr Daniel Stile to keep taverns at their dwelling houses.

[f.187] 1 April 1692.

The account then taken of Mr Richard Wheatly, Chamberlain.

	£	s	d
His disbursements	65	5	9
His receipts	57	6	2
Rests due to him	7	19	7
There were 10s. in this account mistaken, so due to Mr Wheatly	8	9	7
This account discharged.			

20 May 1692.

The account of Mr John Allington, late one of the Bridgemasters for the two years ending at Michaelmas 1691.

His disbursements	14	10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
His receipts	28	10	0
So rests in his hands	13	19	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Of which £13.19s.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. he paid to Mr Mawle £5;			
So rests in his hands	8	19	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

[f.187] The same day [20 May 1692] the account of Mr Andrew Smith, the other Bridgemaster for the said two years ending Michaelmas 1691.

	£	s	d
His disbursements	25	15	0
His receipts	38	10	0

So rests in his hands	8	14	6
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Which £8.14s.6d. was paid to Mr John West junior; so Mr Smith is discharged.

There also remains in Mr John West senior's hands, as formerly one of the Bridgemasters for the two years ending at Michaelmas 1689

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[Mg.] There also remains in the hands of Mr Edward Rennolls, the other Bridgemaster, for the two years ending Michaelmas 1689

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Which 15s.1d. was paid to Mr John West junior; so Mr Rennolls is discharged.

Mr John West senior has paid Mr Joseph Mawle 10s. in part of the £1.19s.11d. remaining in his hands, and the residue he has paid to Mr John Cave; and so he is discharged.

[f.187v] 20 May 1692.

The account of John West senior, late Mayor.

His receipts in old silver which he received of Mr Joseph Mawle	1	0	0
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Which is allowed him for his two journeys to the two Assizes held at Oxford in his mayoralty.

1691-2

[f.187] 29 September 1691.

Mr Samuel West this day was sworn Mayor and Justice of the Peace before Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr John Welchman, Mr John West senior*, Mr John West junior, Mr John Cave, Mr Richard Crooke, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Mawle, Mr William Thorpe, Mr Malachi Harvey, Mr George Thorpe.

Auditors elected: Mr Richard Crooke; Mr Edward Rennolls; Mr John Hall
 Bridgemasters: Mr John West junior; Mr Joseph Mawle
 Constables: John Greenhill; Thomas Wise; Richard Burden; Edward Walker; William Box; John Sweringen

Searchers and sealers of leather: Robert Norbury; Robert Gascoigne.

Mr William Hawtayne was sworn deputy Mayor the same day.

* This is the only occasion on which the name of the retiring Mayor, instead of preceding the other aldermen, has been included in his position of seniority only. In 1692 and 1693 the retiring Mayors do not appear to have been present at all.

[Journal of the House of Commons]

31 October 1691.

A Petition of John Austen, and others, on behalf of themselves, and the Freemen and Burgesses of Banbury, was read; setting forth, That, at the Election of a Burgess, the Petitioners, to the number of 84, voted for John Hawles, Esquire; and they demanded a poll of the Mayor: Which he refusing, they executed an Indenture, executed by himself, and eleven others, who were all who voted for Sir Robert Dashwood, in prejudice to the Petitioners: And praying the said Matters may be redressed, and the Mayor's Return taken from, and the Petitioners affixed to the Precept.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; Who are to examine the Matter thereof; and report the same, with their Opinions therein, to the House.

29 December 1691.

Mr Serjeant Trenchard reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections the case as it appeared to the Committee, as follows:

Upon the Petition of several Freemen and Burgesses of the Borough of Banbury, complaining of an undue return of Sir Robert Dashwood, Knight and Baronet, to serve for the Borough, the Committee have examined the merits of the Election.

The sole question was, concerning the Right of Election: For if the Right was in the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses, as they are called, then the Sitting Member was duly elected; if in the Burgesses at large, John Hawles, Esquire, was duly elected.

This question seemed to arise from some doubtful words in the Charter, granted to the Borough 1 Mary; and in several Returns to Parliament.

The Charter grants the Town of Banbury shall be a free Borough; and incorporates them by the name of The Bailiff, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury; the Bailiff, Twelve Aldermen and Twelve Burgesses shall be one Body Corporate; And, in case of death or removal of an Alderman, one of the Capital Burgesses shall be chosen in his room; And the Sergeant at Mace should be chosen by the Bailiff, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses. And the Charter names the Bailiff, Twelve for Aldermen and Twelve for Capital Burgesses: and in several other places there is mention made of the Capital Burgesses. Then afterwards, the profits of the Markets is granted to the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses; and the privilege of sending one Burgess to Parliament, is granted to the Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses. So that the word 'Capital' being left out of the Grant of sending a Burgess to Parliament, made the Doubt upon the Charter, whether this Borough should chose in their Corporate capacity by the select number, or by the Burgesses at large.

For the Petitioners, were produced the following returns:

5 Eliz. - Bailiff and whole Community elected. The return under the Common Seal.

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14 Eliz. - In the same form.

28 Eliz. - Bailiff, Aldermen, Burgesses and Commonalty elected.
The return under the Common Seal.

30 Eliz. - The return imperfect:- Bailiff, some Aldermen, and Burgesses by name, and Commonalty elected. The returns under ** Seal.

16 Car.I - Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Banbury elected. The return under Common Seal.

13 Car.II - Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses elected. The return under Common Seal.

For the Petitioner was also called,

John Austin: who produced an Indenture, with about 40 names, purporting an Election of Mr Hawles; and said, It was signed by the several Persons whose names were thereto put: and that they had demanded of the Mayor to be polled; but were refused by him; saying, The Precept was directed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses.

Austin said further, That some of the Common Burgesses offered to vote for the Sitting Member; but he would not accept of them.

For the Sitting Member, were produced the following Returns:

29 Eliz. - Bailiff, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Parish of Banbury elected. The return under the Common Seal.

43 Eliz. - In the same form.

31 Car.II - Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses elected. The return under the Common Seal.

For the Sitting Member was also called,

Samuel Tateham, aged about 74: Who said, He was a Freeman; but had no Vote: That he remembered the Election of Nathaniel Fynes, Esquire, in the reign of Charles I: And that the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses only Voted; and no other claimed a Vote: Neither did any other Vote in the Election of Sir John Holman, 1661; though since they have claimed a right.

John Tims testified, That he remembered the Election of Sir John Holman: And that only the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses, voted at that Election.

And that, upon the whole matter, the Committee came to several Resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Right of Election of a Burgess to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Banbury is in the Mayor, Aldermen and Capital Burgesses of Banbury only.

Resolved, That Sir Robert Dashwood, Knight and Baronet, is duly elected a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Banbury.

The same Resolutions being both read a second time, the House agreed to the same, in the same words.

[Book of Accounts, f.187v] 28 March 1692.

The account of Thomas Welford, sergeant, then taken and reckoned with him

And paid him all his wages to 25 March 1692,	£	s	d
and due to him	11	3	7
Which £11.3s.7d. I do order to be paid to			
Mr John West junior,			

witness my hand, Thomas Welford.

13 May 1693.

The account of Samuel West, late Mayor.

His disbursements	22	11	0
His receipts	6	18	0
So rests due to him	15	13	0
Out of which Mr William Style is allowed	2	0	0

Which said charges were disbursed for prosecuting Black Tom and other felons at Oxford, Northampton and Norwich.

[f.188] 13 May 1693.

The account of Mr [Richard] Wheatly, Chamberlain.

His disbursements	43	18	4
His receipts	37	1	6
Rests due to him	6	16	10

It was then agreed that Mr Richard Wheatly pays to Mistress Hall £7.10s. before Christmas Day next, which is due to her for bread.

1692-3

[f.188] 29 September 1692.

Mr Edward Reynolds this day was sworn Mayor and Justice of the Peace, before Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr John Welchman, Mr John West senior, Mr John West junior, Mr John Cave, Mr Charles Stokes, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Mawle, Mr William Thorpe.

Auditors elected: Mr John Welchman; Mr John Allington; Mr George Thorpe

Bridgemasters: Mr John West junior; Mr Joseph Mawle

'Gustator' [Tasters of victuals]: John Tims; Robert Page; Edward Walford; John Shaw

'Scrutator' [Searchers and sealers of leather]: Robert Norbury; Robert Gascoigne

Constables: William Box; Nicholas Smith; Roger Tatham; John Butler; John Davis; Thomas Greenhill.

Mr William Hawtayne was sworn deputy Mayor the same day;

And the same day the wine licences were granted to Mr Charles Stokes and Mr Daniel Style.

[f.189v] 28 February 1693[4].

It is ordered and agreed that Mr John West junior shall receive of the Chamberlain at Lady Day next £5.

It is also ordered and agreed that Mr Philip Style shall receive of the Chamberlain at Lady Day next £5, and also £5 more due from John Coale for his half year's rent due for the sheep ground at St. Thomas's Day [21 December] last in part of his bill.

The account of John West junior, late one of the Bridgemasters.

	£	s	d
His receipts	30	12	9
His disbursements	29	15	7
Remains in his hands		17	2
Which he then paid to Mr William Thorpe, one of the present Bridgemasters; and so he is discharged.			

The account of Mr Joseph Mawle, the other late Bridgemaster.

His receipts	19	0	6
His disbursements	18	15	1
Remains in his hands		5	5
Which he then paid to Mr William Thorpe, one of the present Bridgemasters; and so he is discharged.			

Due from Anthony Reason, being the remaining part of his half year's rent for his house, due at Michaelmas last 2 4 0

The account of Mr Richard Wheatly, Chamberlain.

His receipts	32	3	2
His disbursements, and what was due to him at the last account	34	15	6
Rests due to him	2	12	4

It is ordered and decreed that Mr John West senior be allowed 15s. for his expenses at London in Michaelmas term last about the Corporation account.

1693-4

[f.189] 29 September 1693.

Mr Richard Crook this day was sworn Mayor and Justice of the Peace, before Mr William Hawtayne, Mr Richard Wheatly, Mr John Welchman, Mr John West senior, Mr John Allington, Mr John West junior, Mr John Cave, Mr Samuel West, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Joseph Mawle, Mr Malachi Harvey and George Thorpe.

Auditors elected: Mr John West senior; Mr John Cave; Mr Richard Burrowes

Bridgemasters: Mr John Cave; Mr William Thorpe
'Gustatores' [Tasters of victuals]: John Tims; Robert Padge; William Ansley; Robert Bloxham; all sworn

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'Scrutatores' [Searchers and sealers of leather]: Robert Norbury;
Robert Gascoigne; both sworn
Constables: Nicholas Smith; Roger Tatum; John Butler; John Davis;
Thomas Greenhill; George Hix; all sworn.

And then the wine licences were granted to Mr Charles Stokes and Mr Daniel Style.

2 February 1693[/4].

Mr William Hawtayne sworn deputy Mayor before Mr Richard Wheatly and Mr John Welchman, by virtue of a deputation under the hand and seal of William Crisp, Esquire, Recorder of the said Borough of Banbury, bearing date 26 December 1693.

[This is the last record of the election of the Mayor and of Corporation officials in this Book of Accounts. There are no accounts for 1693-4, and, with the exception of brief memoranda dated 1698 and 1702, no further record until February 1703/4. The accounts then audited probably relate to the two preceding years. From that date to the audit of 19 August 1731 there are continuous but very exiguous accounts for the Chamberlain and the Bridgemasters, presented at two, three, four or even five year intervals. There are a further two Chamberlain's accounts covering the next ten years to the final audit of 7 December 1741. There is also one account of Highway Surveyors' receipts and expenditure, for 1730 (audited 18 December 1731).]

1698

[f.158v] 26 September 1698.

At a Hall this day it appeared upon the Journal Book and this book that there is due from the Corporation to Mr Edward Reynolds, upon adjusting all accounts, £6.12s.8d., which sum Mr Reynolds has assigned to Mr Malachi Harvey, and is to be allowed and paid to him. In which said account the 4s. due for one year for the Cow Ground and £6.13s.4d. paid to Mr Ellis, the Receiver, is included.

This account allowed to be due to Mr Harvey by me, Edward Reynolds.

[On 25 February 1698/9 the Mayor, William Thorp, died in office, and this occasioned rival Mayoral elections and a dispute which continued for over two years.]

[P.R.O. Privy Council Register, PC 2/77 (May 1697-June 1699), pp.365-6]

[3 August 1699] To Mr John Welchman, one of the Aldermen of the Borough of Banbury.

After our hearty commendations, The Petition of Sir John Cope, Baronet, and James Isaacson, Esquire, Assistants of the Borough of Banbury, on behalf of themselves, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Chief Burgesses and other Assistants of the Borough having been read before their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council, setting forth, that in pursuance of a letter from this Board of 25 May last, The Corporation had, on 12 June following, proceeded to the Election of a Mayor, and other officers, in such manner as the Charter and By-laws do direct; And that Edward Reynolds was chosen Mayor accordingly. And it likewise appearing by the oath of Aholiab West, one of the Sergeants at Mace, that he having duly summoned the whole number, the major part of the Aldermen and Capital Burgesses did meet and elect Edward Reynolds for Mayor, George Thorpe an Alderman and Richard Callowe a Capital Burgess; and that after the elections, he, West, went several times as he was ordered to you John Welchman to deliver up the Book of Oaths, the two Maces and other things belonging to the Corporation, which lay in your custody, but that you have hitherto refused to deliver them. We do therefore hereby signify unto you the Order of the Lords Justices in Council, That you forthwith deliver up those several things belonging to the Corporation to the Mayor Edward Reynolds, or else, that you show, without delay, sufficient cause to this Board, for your refusing the same.

And so we bid you farewell,

From the Council Chamber at Whitehall, 3 August 1699.

Your loving friends, Oxford P. Bertie J. Smith
Ranelagh Ja. Vernon J. Williamson

[The following tantalising reference to what was actually happening in Banbury during these two years is taken from a letter dated 3 October 1700 from John Knight, Vicar of Banbury and Rector of Broughton, to Nathaniel, 4th Viscount Saye and Sele. Knight had married a cousin of the Viscount.]

[Bodleian Library, MS. Rawlinson D.892, f.343]

... When my sister comes, she will tell you the whole story, as an eyewitness, of which I can drop but a few hints. Sunday last there was a Battle-royal fought in the church at Banbury between the 2 mayors, for the chair of state. The Usurper proved the better shake-bag ... This will be a day of another Trial of skill between them. It being their great Fair, when 6 constables of a side are to struggle for the Tolls.

[Sadly there are no further references to Banbury affairs in the letter.]

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13 March 1700/[1].

[Mg.] Banbury election.

Sir Rowland Gwyn according to Order, reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appears to them, upon the Double Return for the Borough of Banbury; and the resolution of the Committee thereupon: which he read in his place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table: where the same was read, and is as follows, viz.

That, upon inspection of the record, the Committee find that Charles North, Esquire, is returned by one Indenture; and that John Dormer, Esquire, is returned by another Indenture.

That in Banbury, at present, and at the time of the Election, and for about two years last past, there have been two contending Mayors; and which of them two was the proper officer to make the Return, was the Question before the Committee.

That this Fact was agreed on by both Parties, That Mr Thorp was Mayor of Banbury, and died before his Year was up, viz., 25 February 1698*; but the Question in dispute was, which was his lawful Successor.

That the Corporation, by Charter, consist of twelve Aldermen, six Capital Burgesses and thirty Assistants; and the Mayor is to be chosen out of the Aldermen; that is to say, upon the annual Choice of a Mayor, the Aldermen, Capital Burgesses and Assistants, have a Right to vote; but if a Mayor die within a Year, then his Successor for the remaining Part of the Year is to be chosen by Aldermen and Burgesses only.

That Mr North's Return being affixed next to the Writ, his Counsel first began to maintain his Return, which was by John West senior; whose succession to Thorp they derived thus: That after the Death of Mr Thorp, one Welshman, was chosen Mayor for the succeeding Part of the Year; to him succeeded John West junior; and to John West junior succeeded John West senior; who made the Return of Mr North.

That to make out Mr West senior's Title of Mayor, the Counsel for Mr North first proceeded to make out who had the Right of electing the Mayor of Banbury; and for that they produced their Charter of Confirmation, 6 James I. [There follows quotation of a number of clauses from the Charter.]

That the Counsel for Mr North also produced a copy of the By-laws, amongst other things, for regulating the Elections of Mayors, by which By-laws it is provided, That, at the Choice of every Mayor, the Mayor for the time being, or his Deputy, or senior Alderman, shall call unto him the next senior Alderman, and junior Alderman, and senior and junior Burgess, who shall separate themselves from the rest of the Company and go into the little Chamber, and, by most of their Voices, shall agree upon One of the Aldermen to stand to succeed the Mayor for the Year following; which Alderman so agreed upon, shall depart into the minor Chamber and there remain till called: Whereupon the Mayor for the

* Mr William Thorp, Mayor of Banbury, buried 28 February 1698/9.

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time being, and all the Aldermen and Burgesses, Chamberlain and Assistants, shall proceed by Voices to the allowing or disallowing the Choice in manner following, viz. Everyone present shall openly give his voice to the Choice affirmatively or negatively to be taken by the Chamberlain or Town Clerk; and if the more part of the Assembly shall dislike of the Alderman proposed, then the Mayor, two Aldermen and two Burgesses shall proceed to the naming of some other Alderman who shall be tried in the like manner; and so continuing the same course until one shall be agreed upon to be one of the Aldermen to stand in the Election to be Mayor of the Borough for One Year from Michaelmas; which being done the like course shall be taken for the Naming of One other Alderman, One of which shall be elected Mayor for the Year following; And then the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, Chamberlain and Assistants present shall openly give their Voices which of the Two shall be Mayor for the Year following, according to the Letters Patent; upon penalty of forfeiting £1.

That the Right of electing the Mayor being thus made out by Charter, and By-laws; Mr North's Counsel proceeded to the making out of the Fact; that Mr John West was, at the time of the Return, rightful Mayor: and, for that, they called:

Mr Philip Styles senior, the Town Clerk: Who testified, That Mr Thorpe died on Saturday 25 February two years [past]; and that the eldest Alderman, upon the Death of a Mayor, has Power to act; who summoned the Aldermen and Burgesses to meet together the same Day; and about ten of them did meet; amongst others, Mr Reynolds, who was for going to an Election that Night; but at last it was agreed to meet next Night, at Five o'clock; and it was then ordered, That all who had a Right to elect, should be summoned to attend; and accordingly eight of them met at the eldest Alderman's, Mr Richard Wheatly's, in gowns; and then they went to the Town Hall, and rung the bell, to give Notice: That some were out of the way, and some would not come: That after they had stayed some time, they went to an Election, and had five Nominators, according to the By-laws, and did elect Mr Welshman for the Remaining Part of the Year, who was sworn by the senior Alderman; That eight voted for Mr Welshman and nine kept away; But, however, he conceived the major Part appearing to have Power to elect; and upon a search in the Books, had found 16 or 17 instances of a Mayor elected without the Majority of all that had a Right to elect: That, the first Monday in the month of September following, they sent the like Summons, and elected and swore John West junior; and the first Monday in last September, they did, in like manner, elect and swear John West senior; who returned Mr North: and that the Ensigns belonging to the Office of Mayor have, ever since Mr Thorp's death, been in their possession successively.

Mr Styles senior further said, That after the Aldermen and Burgesses are summoned, and meet, to elect a Mayor, he never knew them depart without making an Election; and the reason they proceeded to elect Mr Welshman on the Sunday following the death of Mr Thorp, was, because a Court was to be held next day, which ought to be held by the Mayor;

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and though the senior Alderman does act in Court as the Deputy Mayor, he never knew him act upon the Death of a Mayor.

Thomas Welford, Sergeant at Mace, said, that the same day that Mr Thorp died, there were ten or eleven met at his house; and some of them proposed to go to an Election immediately, but some of the seniors thought it would be better next day, but agreed it must be then, because of the Court; and that was to be held on Monday; and, accordingly, some of them said, They would take Notice of it: However he went to every one of their houses afterwards, and summoned them as at all other times; and in the like manner summoned them upon the Choice of Mr West junior, and Mr West senior.

That the Counsel for Mr Dormer insisted, That where there is a Corporation aggregate, every Act of the Corporation that is obliging, must be done, not only by the major Part present, but by the major Part of the Whole; and instanced in the case of Dean and Chapters; and that the By-laws could not alter the Manner of Election appointed by Charter, which says, shall be by Majority of the Corporation; and that Mr Reynolds and Mr Samuel West were elected by such a Majority; and that it was not pretended, that the Mayors, under which Mr North's Return was made, had such a Majority: They further insisted, That the senior and junior Alderman and Burgess was always understood of such as appeared: That the Matter of Welshman's Election was heard before the Council; and another Election directed by them, and called.

Mr Styles junior, who acted as Town Clerk under Mayor Samuel West, and Mr Clark: Who said, after Mr Thorp's Death, Mr Reynolds was elected for the remaining Part of the Year; Nine appearing at that Election; and he was sworn before the Recorder, and other Aldermen: and that the first Monday in September following, Mr Samuel West was elected Mayor by 26 present; and last September, the said Mr West was again continued Mayor, by the Votes of eleven Aldermen and Burgesses, and eighteen Assistants; but the senior Alderman was not present; and that Mr Samuel West had also his Officers, and kept Courts; and had the Books of the Corporation, and the Seal of the Corporation; and Mr Styles said further, That, upon the Choice of a Mayor to succeed another dying within the Year, he never knew them make use of Nominators.

John Stokes said, That he had known several Elections, at which the senior Alderman has not appeared, and the next senior Alderman has acted.

And that, upon the whole Matter, the Committee came to this Resolution following, viz.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That Charles North, Esquire, is duly returned a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Banbury.

The Question being put, the House divided, Yeas 211, Noes 111.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House Tomorrow Morning, to amend the Return for the Borough of Banbury, by taking off the Return of John Dormer, Esquire.

[In this final part of the **Book of Accounts** there is little specific indication of the years to which accounts relate. Rather than to attempt, possibly misleadingly, to assign them to mayoral years, the accounts and other items are therefore presented in strict chronological order.]

[f.189v] 6 July 1702.

Mr Richard Crook's resignation was read and allowed by the Company then present, which were fifteen in number. The resignation was dated 4 July 1702, under his hand and seal, and Stephen Andrews was witness.

[f.190] 11 February 1703[4].

The account of Mr Richard Wheatly, Chamberlain, taken by those whose names are hereto written.

	£	s	d
His receipts	82	3	6
His disbursements	117	7	5
So he is out of purse	35	3	11
He is to receive of James Croke, due for rent in arrears, 1 May 1704	15	0	0
And of Thomas Tims, due for the shop under the Hall stairs, for rent at Lady Day 1704		5	0
And of Henry Abbott, for his freedom	1	0	0
And of John Dickerson, for the butts		6	0
And of Mr Paynton, for his waste, one year		3	0
In all	16	14	0
When this said sum is received he will be out of purse only	18	9	11

[Auditors:] Samuel West, Richard Wheatly.

The account of Mr William Box, one of the Bridgemasters.

His receipts	11	18	1
His disbursements	15	3	2
So he is out of purse	3	5	1
Which he has received of Mr Francis Goodwin; and Mr Box is discharged.			

[3 November 1705 - Journal of the House of Commons - Petition contesting Parliamentary election - see Addenda, page 360]

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29 March 1706.

The account of Mr Richard Wheatly, Chamberlain, taken by those whose names are hereunder subscribed.

Receipts	60	17	0
Disbursements	81	19	1½
Due to him	21	2	¾

[f.191]

	£	s	d
He [Richard Wheatly] is to receive of Mr Thomas Ward, for rent due for the Wool Hall at Lady Day last	2	0	0
And from Mr Paynton, for waste ground		3	0
And from Mr Gibbard, upon Giles Sowtham's note	1	10	0
And from John Palmer, by note	1	0	0
[Total:]	4	13	0

Malachi Harvey, William Box, Francis Goodwin, auditors.

29 March 1706.

The account of Mr George Thorpe and Mr Francis Goodwin, Bridgemasters.

Mr Thorpe's receipts	8	7	6
His disbursements	3	2	11
Remains in his hands	5	5	2
Which he has paid to Mr Sanderson Miller and Mr Henry Lucas, the present Bridgemasters; and so he is discharged.			
Mr Francis Goodwin's receipts	31	12	0
His disbursements	20	12	0
Remains in his hands	11	0	0
Which he has paid to Mr Sanderson Miller and Mr Henry Lucas, the present Bridgemasters; and so he is discharged.			

Stated and taken the day and year abovewritten, before us,
Benjamin Loveling, Minister; Henry Clarson, Churchwarden.

[f.192] 18 May 1708.

The account of Mr John Welchman, Chamberlain, taken by us whose names
are underwritten.

Receipts	59	8	7
Disbursements	52	16	8
Remains in his hands	6	11	11
He paid to Mr Richard Hawtyn	7	0	0
So he is out of pocket		8	1

[Auditors:] Richard Burrows, Francis Goodwin.

18 May 1708.

The account of Mr Sanderson Miller and Mr Henry Lucas, Bridgemasters.

Receipts	55	1	0
Disbursements	54	4	5½
Remains in their hands		16	6½
Which sum by agreement is paid to John Burroughs, and the said Mr Miller and Mr Lucas are discharged.			

Stated and taken before us,
Benjamin Loveling, Minister; John Welchman junior, Churchwarden.

[f.192] Memorandum. Mr John Welchman, Chamberlain, has £7 of the poor's money in his hands, to be set out to interest upon good security.

William Style, Town Clerk.

[Mg.] Memorandum. Oakeham's money is secured by bond by the persons undernamed:

	£	s	d
John Butler	5	0	0
Philip Tyler	5	0	0
Thomas Welford	5	0	0
Thomas Robins	5	0	0
William Jarvis	5	0	0
John Franklin	5	0	0
Benjamin Bosse, secured by Mr Box	5	0	0
Mr Richard Wheatly, in his hands to be set at interest upon security	5	0	0
[Total:]	40	0	0

[f.193] 29 September 1708.

In pursuance of an order made at a Common Hall, 24 September 1706, that every succeeding Mayor for the space of twelve years should pay to the Chamberlain for the time being the sum of £10 yearly, I, John Welchman, Chamberlain, hereby acknowledge to have received of Sanderson Miller, late Mayor, the day and year first above written, the sum of £10 for the use of the Corporation.

By me, John Welchman, Chamberlain.

Witness: John Miller; William Style, Town Clerk.

[f.192v] 28 March 1710.

The account of Mr John Welchman, Chamberlain, taken by us whose names are hereunder written.

Receipts	78	2	8
Disbursements	63	4	3
Remains in his hands	14	18	3

William Box, Henry Lucas, Auditors.

28 March 1710.

The account of Mr Malachi Harvey and Mr Fulke Rainbawe, Bridgemasters.

Receipts	32	10	6
Disbursements	33	18	11
They are out of pocket	1	8	5

Stated and taken the day and year above written, before us,

Benjamin Loveling, Minister;
John Welchman, Churchwarden.

[f.193] 7 April 1712.

The account of Malachi Harvey, Chamberlain, taken by us whose names are underwritten.

	£	s	d
Receipts	62	7	1
Disbursements	48	10	5
Remains in his hands	13	16	8

Rests due to the Corporation in arrears:

From William Tredwell	1	10	0
From George Robbins, for two years' interest for Oakam's money	6	8	
From the executors of John Butler, deceased*, for two years' interest, for Oakam's money	6	0	
From John Franklin, for a year's interest for Oakam's money	3	4	
From Hester Walford, for a year's interest for Oakham's money	3	4	
From Philip Tyler, for Cow Ground	2	0	
From John Knibb, for the like	2	0	

'Sum paid'

[no entry]

Francis Goodwin, Henry Lucas, Benjamin House, auditors.

[f.193v] 7 April 1712.

The accounts of Mr Richard Wheatly and Mr Benjamin House, Bridgemasters.

Receipts	33	7	0
Disbursements	27	1	11
Remains in their hands	6	5	1

Whereof Mr Richard Wheatly then paid to Mr Henry Clarson	3	5	1
And Mr Benjamin House then paid to Mr William Box	3	0	0

Arrears to be paid to Mr Box and Mr Clarson:

To be received by Mr Clarson,			
From Anthony Reason	2	0	0
From Thomas Browne	11	0	
[Total:]	2	11	0

To be received by Mr Box,			
From Thomas Browne	12	0	

Mr Box and Mr Clarson are to receive the half-year's rent due at Lady Day last for the lands and tenements belonging to the Bridgemasters.

Stated and taken the day and year above written before us,

[no auditors' signatures]

* John Buttler, slatter, from the King's Arms, buried 8 October 1711; Will proved 10 May 1712, P.C.B. 33/5/6.

[f.194] 19 July 1714.

The account of Mr William Box and Mr Henry Clarson, Bridgemasters.

	£	s	d
Receipts	38	7	1
Disbursements	38	11	2

They are out of pocket		4	1
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Thomas Brown in arrear at Michaelmas last for half a year's rent	1	5	0
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Which is to be paid to Mr Francis Goodwin and Mr Thomas Mander, who have paid the said 4s.1d. to the said Mr Box and Mr Clarson.

Isaac Egleston in arrear at Michaelmas last	1	0	0
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Stated and taken before us the day and year above written:

Benjamin Loveling, Minister; John Kening;
George Thorp, Fulke Rainbowe, Thomas Mander, Auditors.

[194v] 3 April 1719.

The account of Francis Goodwin, Mayor, and Mr Thomas Mander, late Bridgemasters, for five years, ending at Michaelmas last.

Receipts	61	15	0
Disbursements	61	19	0

They are out of pocket		4	0
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Thomas Brown in arrear at Michaelmas last, two years' rent	5	0	0
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Widow [Elizabeth] Reason* in arrear at Michaelmas last, one and a half years' rent	9	0	0
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Richard Pad[ge?] in arrear at Michaelmas last, one year's rent	5	10	0
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[Total:]	19	10	0
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Isaac Eagleston, deceased**, was in arrear at Michaelmas 1713, which is not yet paid	1	0	0
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Mr John Welchman and Mr Thomas Stokes, the present Bridgemasters, are to receive the abovesaid rents in arrear.

Stated and taken the day and year above written before us,

William Asplin, Vicar;
Thomas Owen, Fulke Rainbowe, Auditors.

* Anthony Reason, cuttler, buried 23 August 1715.

** Isaac Eaglestone, joiner, buried 17 September 1714.

[f.195] 21 April 1721.

The account of Mr John Welchman and Mr Thomas Stokes, late Bridgemasters, for the two years ending at Michaelmas last.

	£	s	d
Receipts	45	10	0
Disbursements	57	15	1
They are out of pocket	12	5	1
To be added: three loads of large white stones and carriage		6	0
In all out of pocket	21	11	1

Memorandum. The £1 to be paid by Mr Eagleston, as appears on the other side [f.194v], was not received by the late Bridgemasters.

Stated and taken the day and year above written before us,

William Asplin, Vicar;

Francis Goodwin, Thomas Mander, Auditors.

Ordered and agreed by the Vicar and auditors above mentioned that the balance of the abovesaid account, being £12.11s.1d., be paid to the abovesaid Bridgemasters out of the rent of the house in the possession of Mr Samuel Bull as it shall become due.

Francis Goodwin, Thomas Mander, Auditors.

[f.216] 8 October [1723].

The account of Mr Robert Greenall and Mr Henry Pettipher, late Bridgemasters, for three years ended at Michaelmas last past.

Receipts	48	0	0
Disbursements	50	17	11
They are out of pocket	2	17	11

Stated and taken the day and year above written before us,

William Asplin, Vicar;

Blagrove Gregory, Anthony Haynes, Auditors.

It is ordered and agreed by the Vicar and auditors above mentioned that the balance of the aforesaid account, being £2. abovesaid Bridgemasters.

Blagrove Gregory, Anthony Haynes, Auditors.

The same day Mr [Thomas] Ward, Chamberlain, passed his accounts.

Receipts	305	5	1
Disbursements	304	16	2
In hand		8	11

Stated and taken the day and year abovewritten before us,

Blagrove Gregory, Anthony Haynes, Auditors.

[f.216v] 3 February 1726[7].

The account of Mr James West, Chamberlain (in Mr Wardd's absence) taken by us whose names are underwritten and subscribed.

	£	s	d
Mr West's receipts	27	16	5
His disbursements	23	8	11
In hand	4	7	6

Stated and taken the day and year abovementioned before us,

John Welchman, Robert Greenall, Auditors.

7 April 1728.

An account of Mr Blaggrave Gregory, late Bridgemaster, for four years, ended at Michaelmas last.

His receipts	64	0	0
His disbursements	61	2	7
In hand	2	17	5

Which money in hand was paid to the succeeding
Bridgemasters, Mr Stokes and Mr Bradford.

Stated and taken the day and year abovementioned before us,

Robert Greenall, Auditor [no other auditor entered].

[f.217] 7 April 1728.

The account of Mr James West, Deputy Chamberlain, from Candlemas 1726, to the day abovementioned.

Mr West's receipts	34	10	2
His disbursements	34	7	4

8 April 1728, Due to the Corporation, as appears in the last accounts	4	10	2
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Stated the day abovementioned per us,

John Welchman, Robert Greenall, Auditors.

16 August 1731.

The accounts of Mr Thomas Stokes and Mr Thomas Bradford, late Bridgemasters, for the two years ended at Michaelmas 1729.

Receipts	36	11	10
Disbursements	37	3	8
And they are out of pocket	11	10	

Which is agreed to be paid to Mr Thomas Bradford
by the succeeding Bridgemaster, Mr James West.

Stated and taken the day and year abovementioned, before us,

Blaggrave Gregory, Anthony Haynes, Auditors.

[f.207v] 18 December 1731.

The receipts of the Surveyors of the Highways for the year 1730.

	£	s	d
Received of the late overseers	11	0	0
An assessment granted to Mr Wheatly, Mr Wilson, Mr Hyrons and Mr Harris, new Surveyors, at 3d. per pound rent, amounted to	14	17	11
Receipts [total]	26	1	5
Mr Wheatly's disbursements comes to	10	16	0
Mr Wilson's disbursements	3	2	0
Mr Hyrons' disbursements	3	8	6
Mr Harris' disbursements	3	4	8½
Deficiencies	2	5	8
Disbursements [total]	23	11	11½
Remains, on stating the accounts of Mr Wheatly, Mr Harris and Mr Hyrons' hands, the sum of	2	9	6

Received the above sum per Benjamin Folkerd.

[f.217v] 7 July 1732.

Memorandum. It was agreed by Mr Henry Clarson and Mr Samuel Sansbury, Bridgemasters, duly elected for the year 1732, that Mr Robert Greenall, one of the aldermen of this Borough, shall hold and enjoy a certain tenement in North Bar Street, belonging to the Bridgemasters, late in the tenure of Widow Brown, for the term of one and twenty years, at the rent of £2.10s. per annum, to be paid half yearly, the tenant to keep the house in repair (casual accidents of fire and storm only excepted), and to leave it so, a lease to be made in form when thereto required by the tenants to commence from Michaelmas next, and taxes to be deducted.

Henry Clarson, Samuel Sansbury, Robert Greenall.

Memorandum. It is agreed by the parties abovenamed that one year's rent shall be allowed the tenant towards repairs.

Henry Clarson, Samuel Sansbury.

Memorandum. There is a lease made pursuant to this agreement and remains in the hands of Mr Clarson.

[f.207v] 25 September 1732.

Received in assessments	27	10	0
Of the late surveyors	2	9	6
In all	29	19	6
Mr Roberts' disbursements	14	1	0½
Mr Youik's bill	3	6	9
Samuel Spiers	3	0	0
Mr Folkerd	3	16	5½
Paid for carriage of stones	6	12	0
Paid for stones and digging	6	12	0

[f.207v]

	£	s	d
Paid for digging 170 loads of red stones	4	5	0
Paid in all	41	13	3
Received as above	29	19	6
Out of pocket	11	13	9

[f.218] 12 May 1735.

The account of Mr James West, Chamberlain, from 18 April 1728, to the day above.

Disbursements	129	15	7
Receipts	118	11	6
Out of pocket	11	4	1

7 December 1741.

The account of Mr James West, Chamberlain, from 12 May 1735 to the day above.

Disbursements	92	9	4½
More		18	4
[total]	93	7	8½
Receipts	91	17	2
Due to the Chamberlain	1	10	6½

Stated and taken the day and year abovewritten, before us,

Samuel Sansbury, Mayor; Edward Box; Auditors.

7 December 1741.

Be it remembered that there is in Mr West's, Chamberlain's, hands the sum of £14, being Oakham's money to be lent out to poor freemen.

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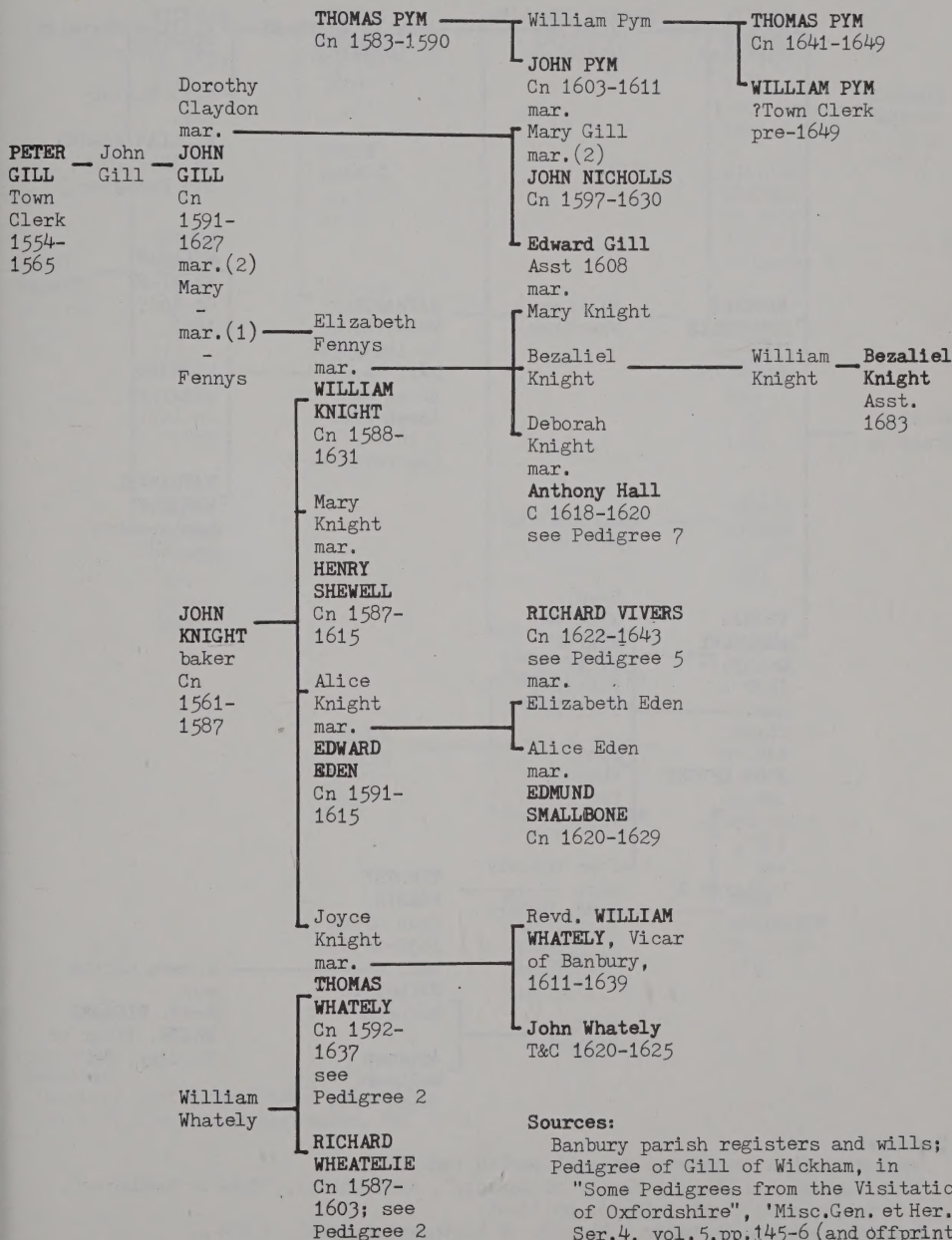
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Abbreviations

Cn	Corporation - the dates following this are those for the period which the man was a member of the Corporation, not those of birth and death
Asst	- Assistant to the Corporation
T	- Tithingman
C	- Constable
T&C	- Tithingman and Constable; these offices were usually held in consecutive years
SSL	- Searcher and sealer of leather
mar.	- married
als.	- alias

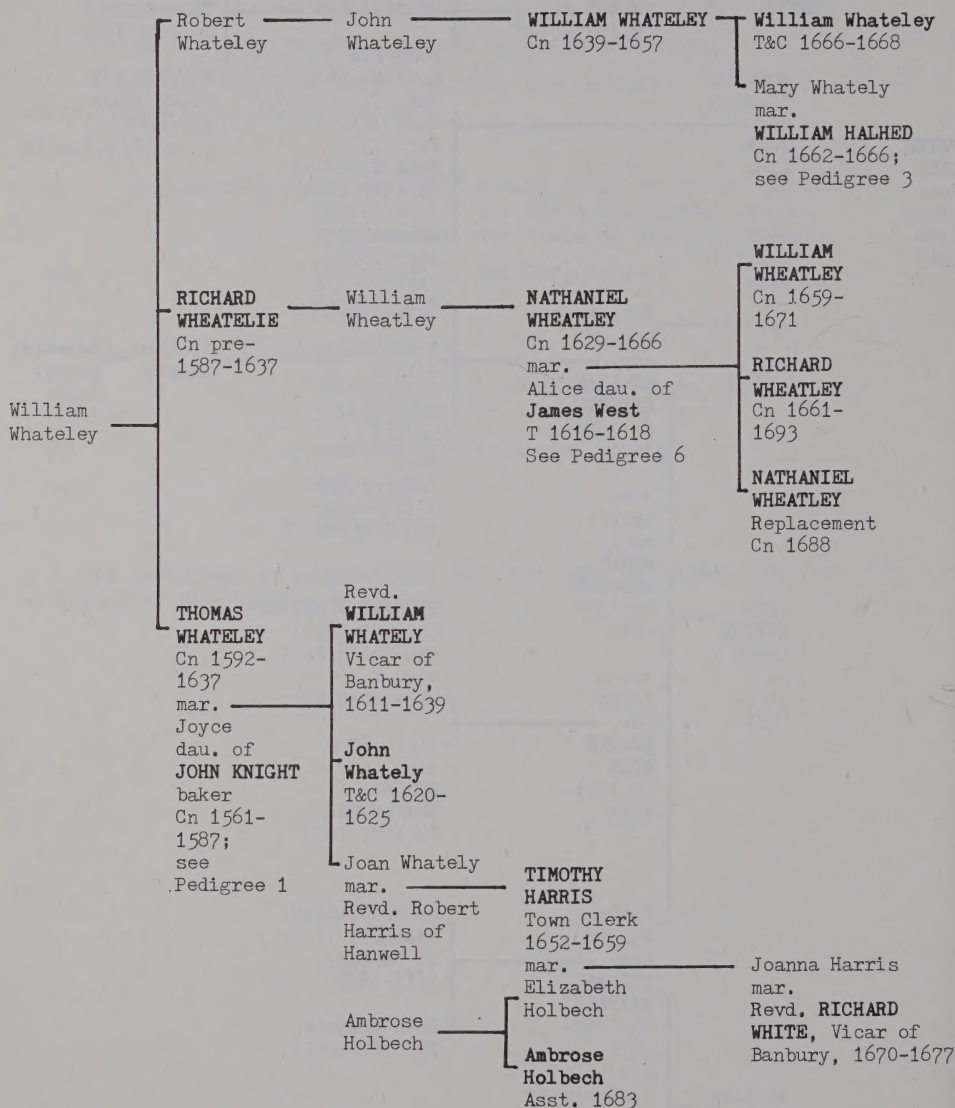
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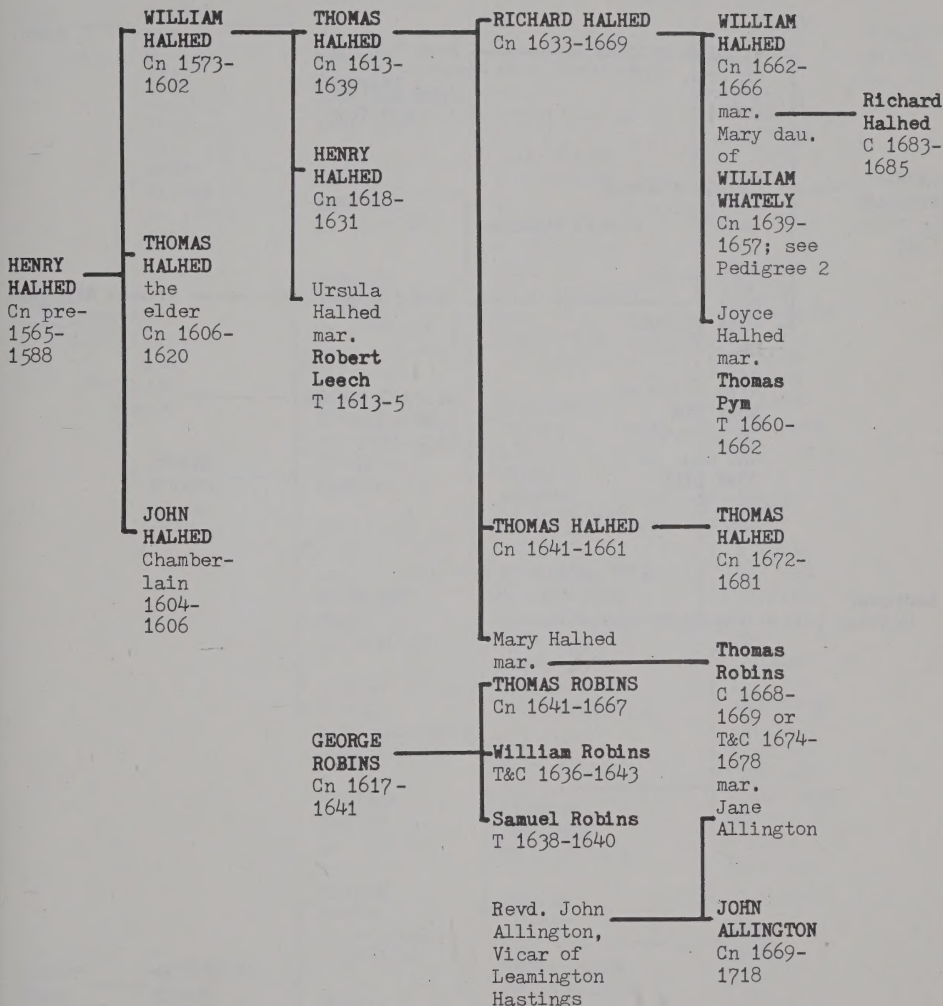
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Banbury parish registers; Hanwell parish registers;
 "The Whately and Wheatly Family of Banbury", Erik Chitty, "Cake & Cockhorse",
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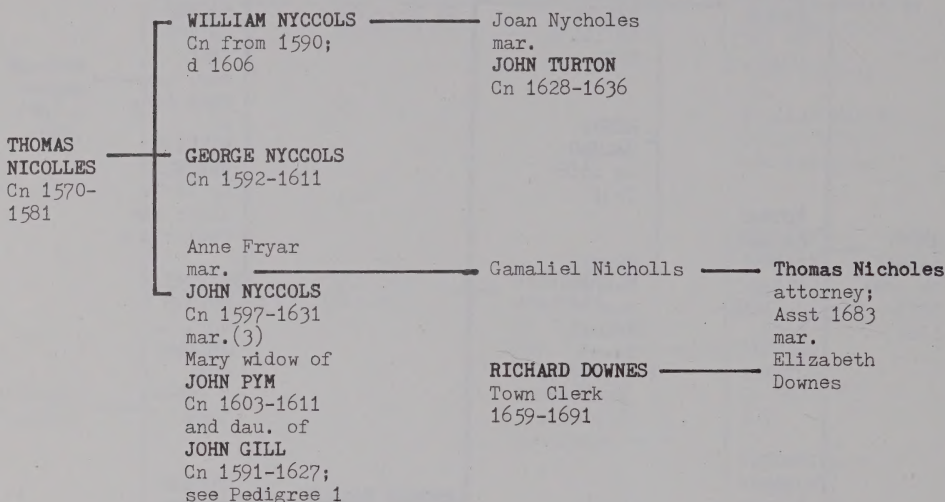


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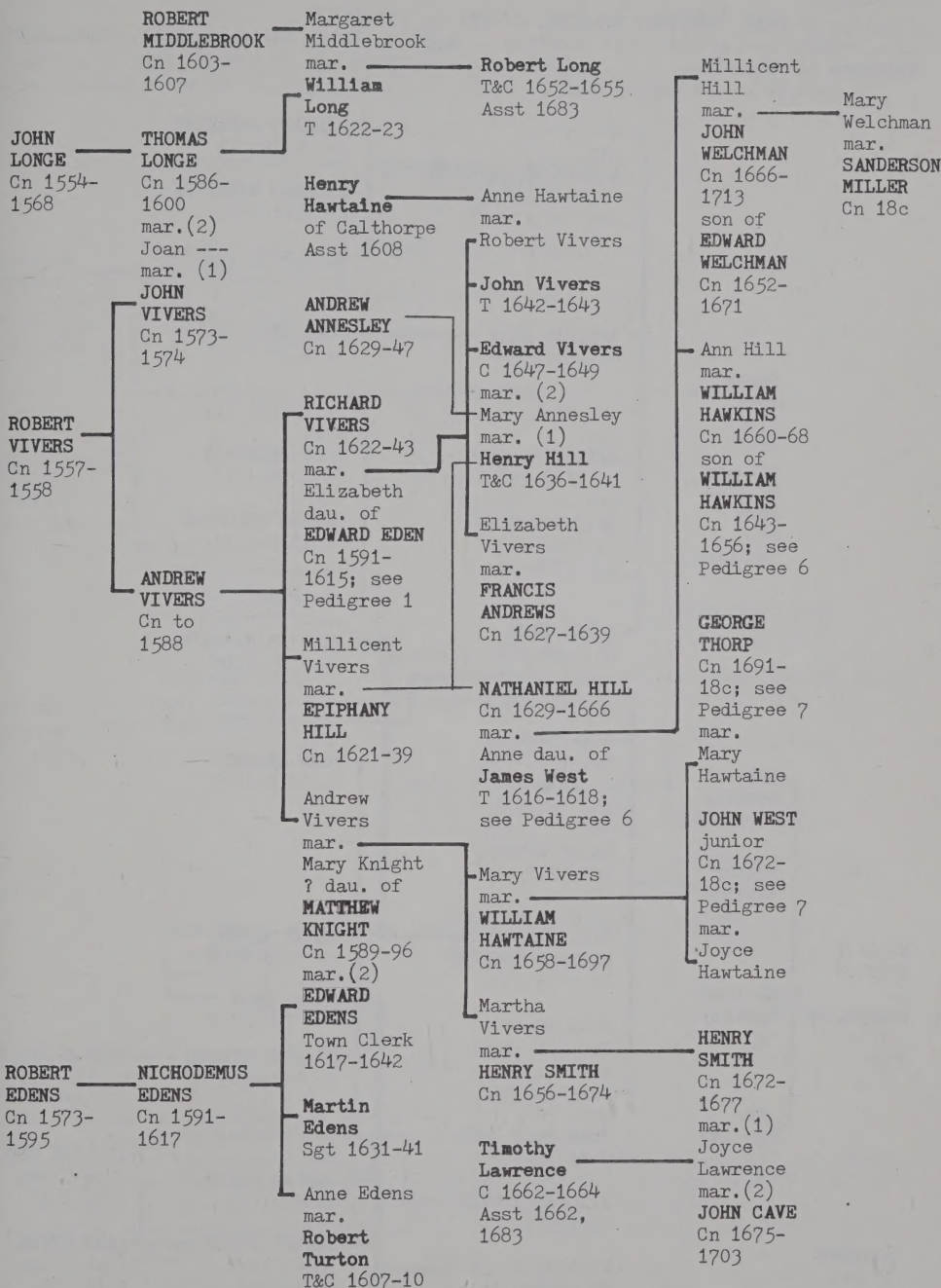
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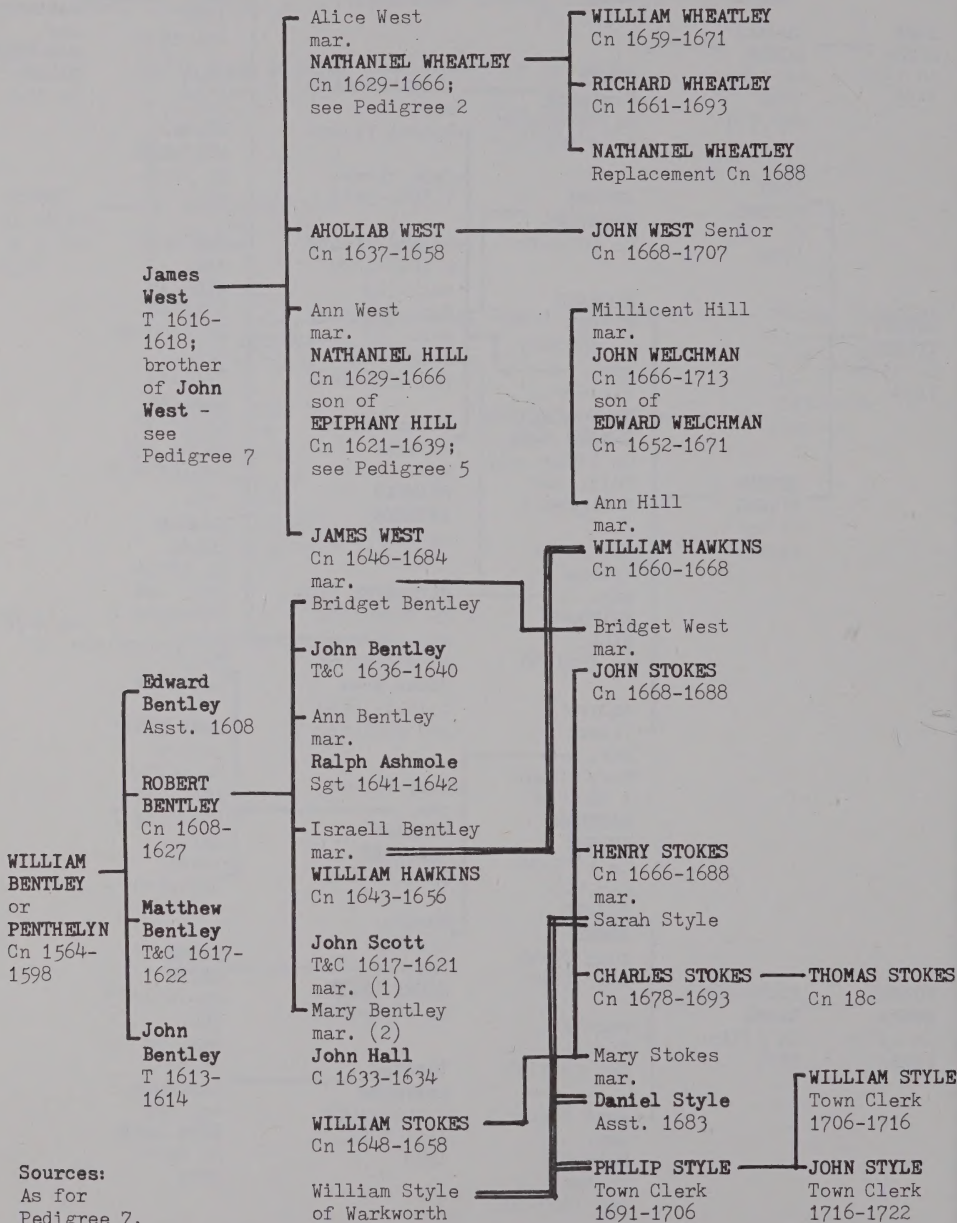


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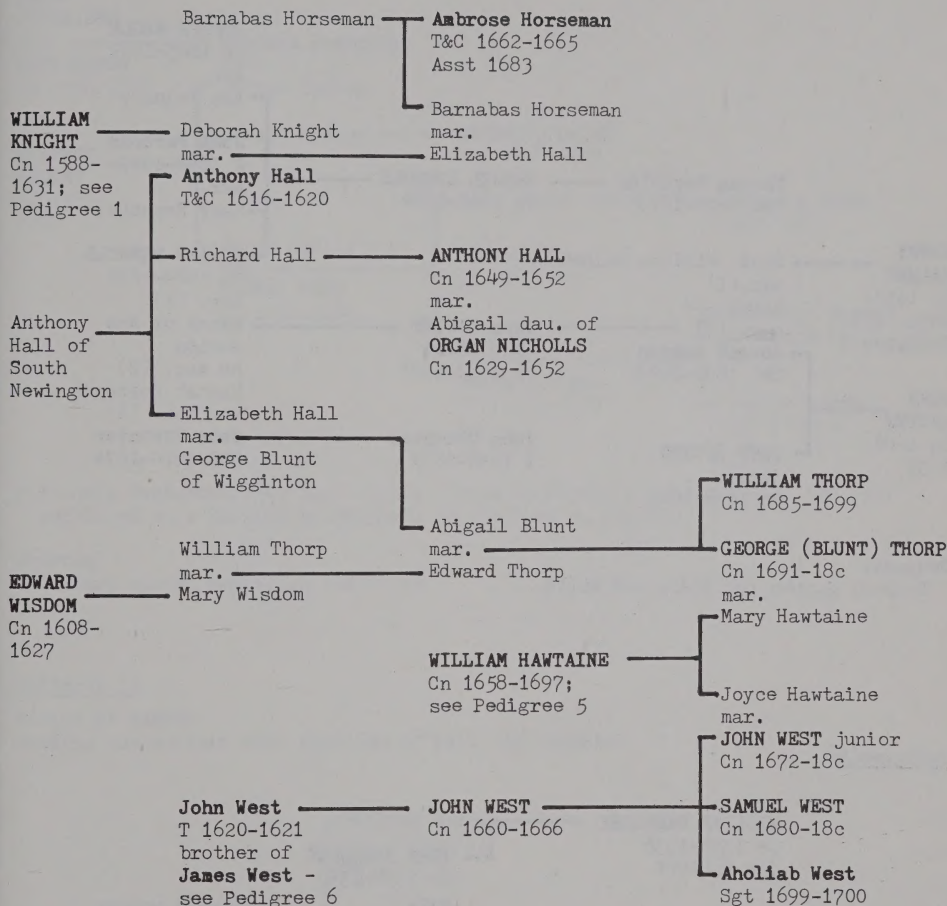
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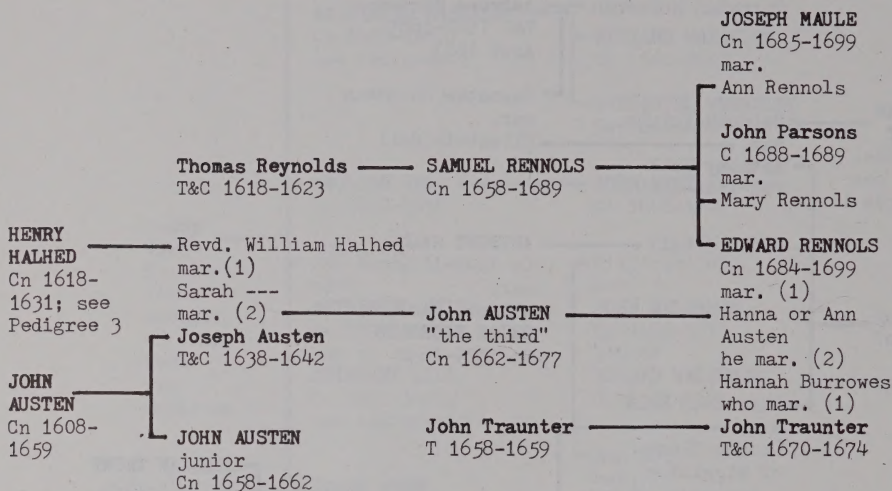
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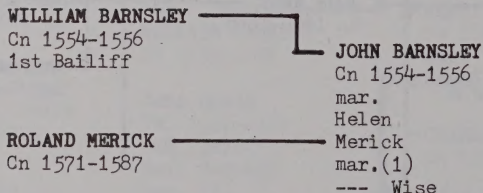
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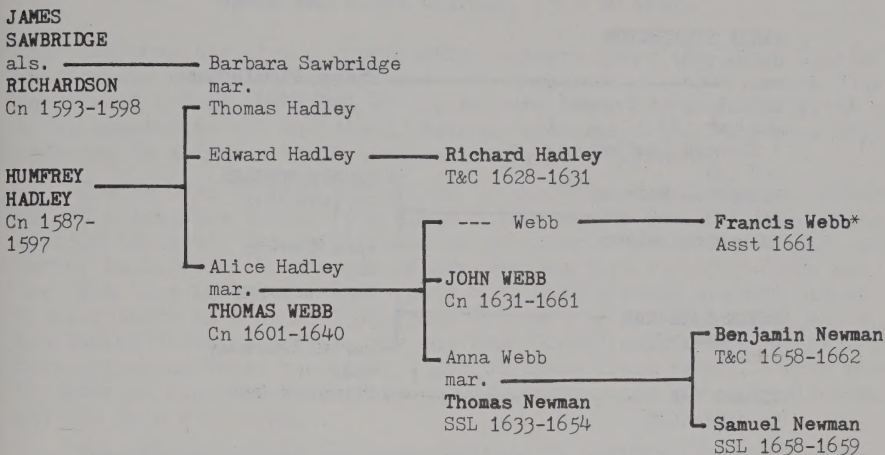
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Wills of William Barnsley, PCC 1557, and John Barnsley, PCC 1588.

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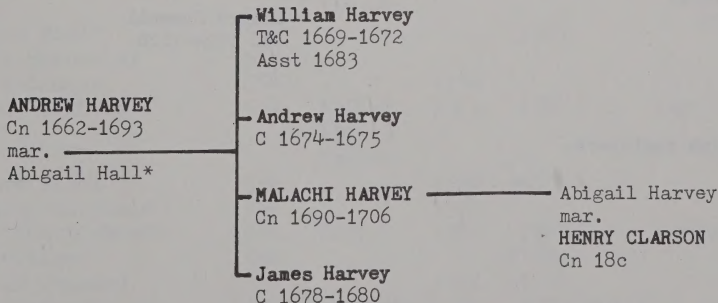
* Francis Webb mentioned his 'cousin' Benjamin Newman in his will; he was also mentioned as a kinsman by Benjamin Hibberdine, d. 1662/3.

Sources:

Banbury parish registers and wills.

Pedigree 11

Family of **HARVEY**;
showing connections with families of **Hall** and **Clarson.**



* It seems probable that Abigail Hall was connected with the family in Pedigree 7, where the Christian name was also used. She was sister of Dr Erasmus Hall, d. 1673, with brothers John, Josiah and Thomas, and a sister Rebecca.

Sources: Banbury parish registers and wills.

Pedigree 12

Families of HATHAWAY, MOSELEY and PILKINGTON;
showing connection with family of Man.

HENRY PILKINGTON	
Cn to 1587	
mar. _____	Thomas Pilkington
Elizabeth or Isabell ---	C 1604-1612
who mar.(2)	
? Richard Goodden	
and (3)	
Valentine Moseley	GEORGE MOSELEY
mar.(1) _____	Cn 1607-1612
Katherine Palmer	Anne Moseley
	mar.
	John Hathaway
SIMON HATHAWAY _____	
Cn 1584-1597	Daniel Hathaway
	mar.
EDWARD MAN _____	Elizabeth Man
Cn 1606-1629	

Sources:

Banbury parish registers and wills.

Pedigree 13

Family of RUSSELL;
showing connection with family of Vardam or Fardam.

ROBERT RUSSELL	
Cn 1602-1643	
mar. _____	John Russell
	T 1617-1618
	? Burgess 1657-1658
Thomas Vardam — ? — Elizabeth Vardam	
Tollgatherer	Edward Russell
1588-1589	T&C 1624-1626

Sources:

Banbury parish registers.

MEMBERS OF BANBURY CORPORATION
under the first Charter, 1554 to 1607.

The only complete list of Corporation members under the first Charter, showing who were Aldermen and who were Burgesses, is that in the Charter itself and at the start of the Account Book, 1554. The latter has a few amendments and additions, made as Aldermen died, Burgesses were promoted to Aldermen and Freemen were elected Burgesses.

The By-Laws of 1558 are signed by the Bailiff and nineteen others out of a possible twenty-four (page 25). At the Heralds' Visitation of 1566 (page 43) the Bailiff and seven other Aldermen are listed, all former Bailiffs. No records of any sort survive for 1575-1583, and the next list is that of 1591 (page 62), when sixteen members signed. Finally there is that of 1598 (page 69), with eighteen members named (including Nicholas Austin, who was Town Clerk) and, uniquely for this book, opposing votes recorded. Whilst these lists probably show names in order of seniority, there is no indication as to who were Aldermen and who were Burgesses.

The following list has been compiled in addition from the names occurring in the accounts, of Bailiffs, Chamberlains, Auditors, Town Wardens (to 1602) and Bridgemasters (from 1603). Dates of death in most cases come from the burial registers; when an Alderman has been described as such in the register, this is shown.

Name	First on Corpn.	Bailiff	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
William Barnsley	1554	1554-5		c1557	
John Hartlett	1554	?1556-7 1567-8	1571	1585	
John Wyse	1554		1558		
John Longe	1554	1555-6 1563-4	1568	1571	
William Bayly	1554			1564	
Robert Hornesley	1554				
John Redshawe	1554		1558		
Edward Brightwell	1554	1558-9 1564-5 1569-70	1571	1572	mercier
Stephen Wigat	1554		1558	c1559	
Richard Fairefeld	1554		1558		
Henry Shuttleworth	1554	1557-8	1572	1573	shoemaker
John Lutter	1554			?1586	
William Pernand	1554		1558	c1559	
Richard More	1554	?1559-60	1566	1573(Ald.)	
Eustace Bosworthe	1554			c1558	pewterer
Edmund Glover	1554			1558	

Name	First on Corpn.	Bailiff	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Thomas Carter					
als Butler	1554	1570-1	1571	1587(Ald.)	
Edward Pentlyn or Bentley	1554	1561-2	1569	1578(Ald.)	
John Jugges	1554			c1555	
John Barnsley	1554		1556	1588	innkeeper
Henry Undertre	1554			c1556	woollendraper
William Dudley	1554		1558	1572	smith
Roger Jackson	1554	1568-9	1573	1586(Ald.)	blacksmith
John Lord	1554		1566	1580(Ald.)	
Richard West	post-1554	1571-2	1572	1577(Ald.)	
Thomas Ockford	post-1554		1558	1563	
Robert Vivers	1558			1572	
John Knight, the elder	1558	1566-7	1585	1587(Ald.)	baker
		1572-3			
		1586-7			
John Norris	1558	1562-3	1566	1582(Ald.)	
Richard Bays	1558			1565	
Bartholomew Eglesfield	1558		1573	1583(Ald.)	
Simon Wykham	1561		1573	?1608	
John Knight	1561		1574		mercier
William Hancoke	1563		1566	?1577 or ?1588	
William Bentley	1564		1601	1603	
Henry Halhed	1565	1565-6	1574	1588(Ald.)	draper
Thomas Dyckes	1571	1574-5	1598	1599(Ald.)	tanner
		1585-6			
Thomas Nicolles	1571		1573	1581(Ald.)	
Roland Meryke	1572	1573-4	1586	1588(Ald.)	
Robert Yedens/Edens	1573	1587-8	1588	1595(Ald.)	
John Vivers	1573		1574	1577	mercier
William Halhed	1573	1589-90	1600	1602	
Robert Haywarde	1583	1583-4	1586	1590(Ald.)	yeoman
Thomas Pymme	1584		1589	1590(Ald.)	
Matthew Knight	1584	1594-5	1600		mercier
John Haskey	1584	1584-5		1587	
Matthew Wiget	1584		1598	1604	
Simon Hatheway	1584		1598	1607	
Thomas Longe	1587	1588-9	1600		
Andrew Vivers	1587			1588(Ald.)	mercier
Henry Shewell	1588	1591-2	see post-1608 Corporation		
		1601-2			
Humfrey Hadley	1588	1596-7	1597	1601	
Richard Wheatley	1588	1590-1	1600	1603	mercier
		1597-8			
William Knight	1588	1595-6	see post-1608 Corporation		
		1600-1			
Anthony Clarkson	1590			1591	
Thomas Foster	1590		see post-1608 Corporation		

Name	First on Corpn.	Balliff	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Edward Eddon	1591	1598-9	see post-1608	Corporation	
Robert Warner	1591				
Henry Lockwood	1591		1598	1610	
William Nicols	1591		1593	1606	
Nicodemus Edens	1591	1603-4	see post-1608	Corporation	
William Potter	1591		1598		
William Daunt	1591			1622	
John Gill	1591	1602-3	see post-1608	Corporation	
Thomas Whately	1592	1592-3	see post-1608	Corporation	
		1599-1600			
George Nicolles	1593	1604-5	see post-1608	Corporation	
James Sawbridge	1593	1593-4	1597	1598(Ald.)	
John Nycolls	1598	1605-6	see post-1608	Corporation	
Nicholas Austen	1598		see post-1608	Corporation	
					Town Clerk
Thomas Web	1602	1607-8	see post-1608	Corporation	
Robert Russell	1604		see post-1608	Corporation	
John Pym	1604		see post-1608	Corporation	
Robert Middlebrook	1604		1607	1636	Bridgemaster
John Halhed	1606		1607	1611	Chamberlain
John Wing	1606		see post-1608	Corporation	
Thomas Halhed	1606	1606-7	see post-1608	Corporation	
Edward Man	1607		Burgess, 1621, on post-1608	Corporation	

MEMBERS OF BANBURY CORPORATION

under the second Charter, 1608 to 1693

The 1608 Charter listed the twelve Aldermen and six Burgesses (reduced from the twelve of the first Charter). From 1621 for most years until 1693 the Corporation members attending the Mayor-making on 29 September each year were listed, in strict order of seniority. For the years 1626-1641, 1643-1646, 1653-1656 and 1661 Aldermen and Burgesses were in addition differentiated.

This has made it possible to compile with some certainty a complete list of Corporation members from 1608 to 1693, with approximate dates of election as Burgess and promotion to Alderman. Some indication too can be given of those who retired rather than remaining members until death.

The regular record ceases after 1693, so, although the names of a number of Corporation members after that day are known and will be found in the Biographical Notes, no attempt has been made to list them.

Name	Bur- gess	Ald.	Mayor	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Thomas Wheatley		1608	1611-2 1623-4	1637	1637	mercier
Henry Shewell		1608	1612-3	1613	1615	saddler
Edward Eden		1608			1615	
John Nicholes		1608	1614-5 1624-5	1630	1631	
Thomas Halhed senr.		1608		1619	1620	woollendraper
Thomas Webb		1608	1608 1619-20 1629-30 1637-8	1639	1640	mercier
John Gill		1608		1627	1634	gentleman, of Wickham
Thomas Foster		1608	1610-1	1619	1621	mercier
George Nicholes		1608	1608-9	1609	1611	
Nicodemus Edens		1608	1613-4	1617	?1620	
Robert Russell		1608	1609-10 1617-8 1625-6	1641	1643	
Thomas Wickham		1608				
[Although the senior Alderman named in the Charter, he does not appear to have served in any capacity.]						
[William Knight - named as Chamberlain, "for life", in the Charter, although not any longer a member of the Corporation.]						
John Pym	1608			1609	1611	woollendraper
John Wing	1608	pre- 1615	1615-6	1626	1626	mercier

Name	Bur- gess	Ald.	Mayor	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Robert Bentley	1608	pre- 1616	1616-7 1626-7	1627	1628	mercier
George Moseley	1608				1612	baker
Edward Wisdom	1608	pre- 1620	1620-1	1627	1636	
John Awsten	1608	pre- 1622	1622-3 1634-5 1654-5	1658	c1658-9	
Richard Vivers	pre- 1616	pre- 1621	1621-2 1633-4	1642	1643	woollendraper
Thomas Halhed junr.	pre- 1616	pre- 1618	1618-9 1628-9	1636	1639	woollendraper
Epiphany Hill	pre- 1617	1626	1627-8	1639	c1639	
Henry Halhed	pre- 1618	1627	1630-1	1631		woollendraper
George Robbins	pre- 1618	1627	1631-2 1638-9	1640	1641	mercier
Edward Mann	1621			1628	1629	yeoman
Hugh Sherwood	1621			1624	1631	tailor
Edmund Smalbone	1621			1628	1658	woollendraper
Matthew Alsopp	1622			1627		
William Allen	1625	1629	1632-3 1653-4	1660	c1670	
Francis Andrews	1627	1629	1635-6	1639		woollendraper
John Turton	1627	1631	1636	1636	1636	smith
Nathaniel Wheately	1629	1633	1636-7 1643-4 1656-7	1664	1666	saddler
Nathaniel Hill	1629	1636	1639-40 1647-8 1663-4	1666	1679	
Andrew Annesley	1629	1637	1640-1	1647	1648	tanner
Organ Nicholls	1629	1639	1641-2	1651		
John Webb	1631	1641	1642-3 1659-60	1661	1671	
Edward Beale	1633	1641	1649-50	1655	1657	shoemaker
Richard Halhead	1633	1641	1646-7 1662-3	1668	1669	woollendraper
George Phillipps	1636			1642		
Aholiab West	1636	1643	1644-6 1655-6	1658	1659	
William Wheately	1639	1643	1648-9	1653	1658	apothecary
Thomas Pym	1642	1644		1648	1649	
Thomas Halhead	1641	pre- 1650	1650-1	1661	c1661-2	
Thomas Robins	1641	pre- 1649	1651-2 1661-2	1666	1668	mercier
William Hawkins	1643	pre- 1651	1652-3	1654	1656	mercier

Name	Bur-gess	Ald.	Mayor	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Samuel Blackwell	1646			1653	1654	
James West	1646	1656	1657-8 1668-9 1681-2	1683	1684	mercier
William Stokes	1648	1657		1657	1658	innkeeper
Anthony Hall	1649			1651	1652	mercier
John Hamms	1649	pre- 1658	1658-9 1669-70	1678	1680	baker
Edward Welchman	1651	1658	1660-1	1671	1685	baker
Edward Langham	1651			1658		
Henry Smith	1656	1660	1664-5 1674-5	1675	1675	ironmonger
John Russell	1656			1665		
John Austen	1658			1662	c1662	
Benjamin Hibberdine	1658	1660		1662	1663	apothecary
Samuel Rennols	1658	1661	1665-6 1676-7 1684-5	1689	1690	
William Hawtayne	1658	1661	1666-7 1675-6	1693	1697	
William Wheatly	1659	1663	1667-8	1670	1671	saddler
John West	1660	1664		1664	1666	glazier
William Hawkins	1660	pre- 1666		1668		
Samuel Hall	1661	1666	1670-1	1683	1689	
Richard Wheatly	1661	1668	1671-2 1683-4	?1703	1706	saddler
John Austin	c1662	1668	1674-5	1677	1678	
Andrew Harvey	1662	1669	1672-3 1685-6	1689	1693	tanner
William Halhed	1662			1664	1666	woollendraper
Henry Stokes	1666	1669	1673-4	1687	1698	
John Welchman	1666	1672	1675-6 1689-90	1693	1713	apothecary
John Stokes	1668	1672	1678-9	1686		mercier
John West senior.	1668	pre- 1677	1677-8 1690-1	1693		
Thomas Sutton	1668	1678	1679-80	1684	1685	vintner
Michael Bradford	1669			1670	1671	mercier
John Allington	1669	1680	1680-1	1693	1718	apothecary
John West junior	1671	1684	1687-8* 1688-9	1693	1722	glazier
Henry Smyth	1672			1676	1677	ironmonger
Thomas Halhed	1672			1680	1686	
John Cave	1675	1685	1686-7	1693	1703	
Charles Stokes	1678	1685		1692	1718	innkeeper
Samuel West	1680	1689	1691-2	1693	1713	
John French	1680			1683	1684	mercier

* Removed from office, 3 Feb 1687/8 by royal command; reinstated Oct.'88

Name	Bur- gess	Ald.	Mayor	Last ref.	Died	Occupation
Richard Croke	1681	1689	1693-4	1702		
Edward Rennols	1684	1691	1692-3	1693		
Andrew Smith	1685			1693		ironmonger
Joseph Maule	1685			1693	1699	goldsmith
William Thorpe	1685		1698-9	1699	1699	
Malachi Harvey	1690			1693	1718	tanner
George Thorpe	1691			1693	1715	haberdasher
John Hall	1691			1691	1691	baker
Richard Burrowes	1693				pre- 1720	

The 1688 substitute Corporation:

John Austen	1688	1688 (Feb-Sep)	1708	gentleman
Nathaniel Wheately	1688	1688 (Sep-Oct)	1707	mercier
John Langston	1688			
John Youick	1688		1704	maltster
Richard Gunn	1688		1720	yeoman, of Neithrop
William Gulliver	1688		1723	'guilder'
John Bowers	1688		1722	Quaker, of Neithrop

BAILIFFS AND MAYORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF BANBURY

1553 - 1700

BAILIFFS		MAYORS	
1553-54	William Barnsley	1601-02	Henry Showell or Shewell
1554-55	[? William Barnsley]	1602-03	John Gill
1555-56	John Longe	1603-04	Nicodemus Edens
1556-57	[? John Hartlett]	1604-05	George Nicolles
1557-58	Henry Shuttillworthe	1605-06	John Nicolles
1558-59	Edward Brightwell	1606-07	Thomas Halhed [d.1620]
1559-60	[? Richard Moore]	1607-08	Thomas Webb
1560-61			
1561-62	Edward Pentlyn or Bentley		
1562-63	John Norris	1608	Thomas Webb
1563-64	John Longe	1608-09	George Nicolles
1564-65	Edward Brightwell	1609-10	Robert Russell
1565-66	Henry Halhed [d.1588]	1610-11	Thomas Foster
1566-67	John Knight [? baker]	1611-12	Thomas Whateley or Wheatley
1567-68	John Hartley or Hartlett	1612-13	Henry Showell or Shewell
1568-69	Roger Jackson	1613-14	Nicodemus Edens
1569-70	Edward Brightwell	1614-15	John Nicolles
1570-71	Thomas Carter	1615-16	John Winge
1571-72	Richard Weste	1616-17	Robert Bentley
1572-73	John Knight [? baker]	1617-18	Robert Russell
1573-74	Roland Mericke	1618-19	Thomas Halhead [d.1639]
1574-75	Thomas Dixe	1619-20	Thomas Webb
1575-1583	unknown	1620-21	Edward Wisdom or Wysdome
1583-84	Robert Haywarde	1621-22	Richard Vivers
1584-85	John Haskey	1622-23	John Austen [d. c1658-9]
1585-86	Thomas Dixe	1623-24	Thomas Wheatley
1586-87	John Knight [baker]	1624-25	John Nicholls
1587-88	Robert Edens	1625-26	Robert Russell
1588-89	Thomas Longe	1626-27	Robert Bentley
1589-90	William Halhed	1627-28	Epiphany Hill
1590-91	Richard Wheatley	1628-29	Thomas Halhead [d.1639]
1591-92	Henry Showell or Shewell	1629-30	Thomas Webb
1592-93	Thomas Whateley	1630-31	Henry Halhead [b.1577]
1593-94	James Sawbridge [als. Richardson]	1631-32	George Robbins
1594-95	Mathew Knight	1632-33	William Allen
1595-96	William Knight	1633-34	Richard Vivers
1596-97	Humfrey Hadley	1634-35	John Austen [d. c1658-9]
1597-98	Richard Wheatley	1635-36	Francis Andrew(es)
1598-99	Edward Eddon or Eaton	1636	John Turton [d.Oct 1636]
1599-1600	Thomas Wheatley	1636-37	Nathaniel Wheatley [from 17 October 1636]
1600-01	William Knight	1637-38	Thomas Webb
		1638-39	George Robbins

1639-40	Nathaniel Hill	1674-75	Henry Smith [d. Mch 1674/5]
1640-41	Andrew An(ne)sley	1674-75	John Austen [d.1678]
1641-42	Organ Nicholls		[from 10 March 1674/5]
1642-43	John Webb	1675-76	John Welchman
1643-44	Nathaniel Wheately [d.1666]	1676-77	Samuel Rennolls
1644-45	Aholiab West	1677-78	John West 'sen.' [d.1707]
1645-46	Aholiab West	1678-79	John Stokes
1646-47	Richard Halhead	1679-80	Thomas Sutton
1647-48	Nathaniel Hill	1680-81	John Allington
1648-49	William Whately	1681-82	James West [d.1684]
1649-50	Edward Beale	1682-83	William Hawtaine
1650-51	Thomas Halhed [b.1606]	1683-84	Richard Wheatly
1651-52	Thomas Robbins	1684-85	Samuel Rennolds
1652-53	William Hawkins	1685-86	Andrew Harvey
1653-54	William Allen	1686-87	John Cave
1654-55	John Austen [d. c1658-9]	1687-88	John West 'jun.' [d.1721/2]
1655-56	Aholiab West		removed 3 Feb 1687/8
1656-57	Nathaniel Wheatly	1687-88	John Austen [? d.1708]
1657-58	James West [d.1684]		from Feb 1687/8
1658-59	John Hamms	1688	Nathaniel Wheately [d.1707]
1659-60	John Webb		removed 25 Oct 1688
1660-61	Edward Welchman	1688-89	John West 'jun.'
1661-62	Thomas Robins	1689-90	John Welchman
1662-63	Richard Halhed	1690-91	John West 'sen.'
1663-64	Nathaniel Hill	1691-92	Samuel West
1664-65	Henry Smith	1692-93	Edward Reynolds
1665-66	Samuel Rennolls	1693-94	Richard Crook
1666-67	William Hawtayne	1694-1698	unknown
1667-68	William Wheatly	1698-99	William Thorp [d. 25 Feb 1698/9]
1668-69	James West [d.1684]	1698-99	John Welchman
1669-70	John Hams		or Edward Reynolds
1670-71	Samuel Hall	1699-1700	John West 'jun.'
1671-72	Richard Wheatly		or Samuel West
1672-73	Andrew Harvey	1700-01	John West 'sen.'
1673-74	Henry Stokes		or Samuel West
1674-75	Henry Smith [d. Mch 1674/5]		

CHAMBERLAINS

First Charter		Second Charter	
1554-56	John Barnsley Roger Jacson	1608-1628	William Knight
1561-62	John Knight, baker John Knight, mercer	1628-c1649/55*	John Austen
1563-64	John Knight, baker Bartholomew Eglesfield	c1649/55-1662	John Webb
1564-73	Bartholomew Eglesfield William Bentley or Penthelyn	?1662-1666	Nathaniel Wheatly
1573-74	Robert Yedens John Vivers	1666-1674	Henry Smyth
1574-83	unknown	1674-1687/8	Samuel Reynolds (removed 3 Feb)
1583-84	Robert Yedens Thomas Pymme	1687/8-1688	John Austen (removed 25 Oct)
1584-86	Mathew Wiget Simon Hatheway	1688-1689/90	Samuel Reynolds
1586-87	unknown	1690-c1706	Richard Wheatley (no proof of continuity)
1587-89	Henry Showell Humfrey Hadley	1708, 1710	John Welchman
1589-90	Anthony Clarkson Thomas Foster	1712	Malachi Harvey
1590-93	Thomas Foster William Nicholes	1723, 1726/7 1726/7	Thomas Ward James West, Deputy
1593-98	Edward Eddon George Nicholes	1728-1741	James West
1598-99	unknown		
1599-1601	Nichodemus Edens John Nicholes		
1601-02	Nichodemus Edens John Webb		
1602-04	Thomas Webb Robert Russell		
1604-06	John Halhed John Wyng		
1606-08	John Wyng Edward Man		

* It is possible that William Allen held office during part of this period 1649-55 - see the reference under 1648-9, dated 12 Jan. 1656/7.

WARDENS OF THE TOWN HOUSES

1560-61	Simon Wykham John Knight, mercer	1583-86	John Knight the elder Mathew Knight
1562-64	John Lord William Hancoke	1586-87	Mathew Wyggett Simon Hathaway
1565-66	William Hancoke	1587-94	Richard Wheatley Mathew Knight
1570-73	Thomas Dyckes Thomas Nicolles	1594-95	Mathew Knight William Knight
1573-74	William Halhed John Knight	1595-96	Mathew Knight

BRIDGEMASTERS

Note. Under the Charities Decree of 20 January 1602/3 the offices of Bridgemasters were created to administer charitable funds.

1603-04	John Pym Robert Middlebrooke	1623-25	Edward Wyshedome George Robbins
1604-06	unknown	1625-27	Thomas Halhead William Allen
1606-07	John Pym Robert Middlebrooke	1627-29	Richard Vivers Francis Andrews
1607-08	Henry Showell Thomas Foster	1629-31	Robert Russell Andrew Ansely
1608-09	Thomas Foster John Nycolles	1631-33	Thomas Webb Nathaniel Wheately
1609-11	unknown	1633-35	John Turton John Webb
1611-14	Thomas Whateley John Nicholles	1635-37	William Allen Edward Beale
1614-15	Thomas Whately Thomas Webb	1637-39	George Robbins Richard Halhead
1615-16	unknown	1639-41	Nathaniel Wheatly Aholiab West
1616-17	Robert Russell Thomas Halhed junior	1641-43	Nathaniel Hill George Phillippes
1617-18	John Wing Thomas Halhed junior	1643-48	William Wheately Thomas Robbins
1618-20	Thomas Whately John Nicholls	1648-49	Thomas Pym Thomas Robbins
1620-21	Thomas Whately Henry Halhead	1649-50	William Whately Thomas Robbins
1621-23	John Wing Henry Halhed		

1650-52	Edward Beale Aholiab West	1687-89	John West senior Edward Renolls
1652-53	William Allen Samuel Blackwell	1689-91	John Allington Andrew Smith
1653-54	John Webb Samuel Blackwell	1691-93	John West junior Joseph Mawle
1654-55	John Webb James West	1693-94	John Cave William Thorp
1655-57	Nathaniel Hill	1694-1702	no record
1657-58	Richard Halhed William Stokes (d.1658)	audit	
1658-59	Richard Halhed Samuel Reynolds	1703	William Box
1659-61	Thomas Halhead Samuel Reynolds	1703-05	George Thorpe Francis Goodwin
1661-63	James West William Hawtaine	1705-07	Sanderson Miller Henry Lucas
1663-65	John Hams John West (d.1666)	1707-09	Malachi Harvey Fulke Rainbowe
1665-67	Edward Welchman William Hawkins	1709-11	Richard Wheatly Benjamin House
1667-69	Samuel Hall Andrew Harvey	1711-13	William Box Henry Clarson
1669-71	William Wheatly John Welchman	1713-18	Francis Goodwin Thomas Mander
1671-73	Henry Stokes John West senior	1718-20	John Welchman Thomas Stokes
1673-75	John Stokes John West junior	1720-23	Robert Greenall Henry Pettipher
1675-77	William Hawtaine Thomas Sutton	1723-27	Blagrave Gregory
1677-79	Samuel Hall John Allington	1727-29	Thomas Stokes Thomas Bradford
1679-81	Richard Wheatly Thomas Halhed	1729-31	unknown
1681-83	Andrew Harvey John Cave	1731-32	Henry Clarson Samuel Sansbury
1683-85	Henry Stokes Samuel West		No further record
1685-87	John Welchman Richard Crooke		

AUDITORS

Note. The year given is that of the appointment of the auditors, in September. The mayoral year the subject of their audit was that completed that September, and the audit itself usually took place in the autumn or winter. Consistency in spelling has not been attempted.

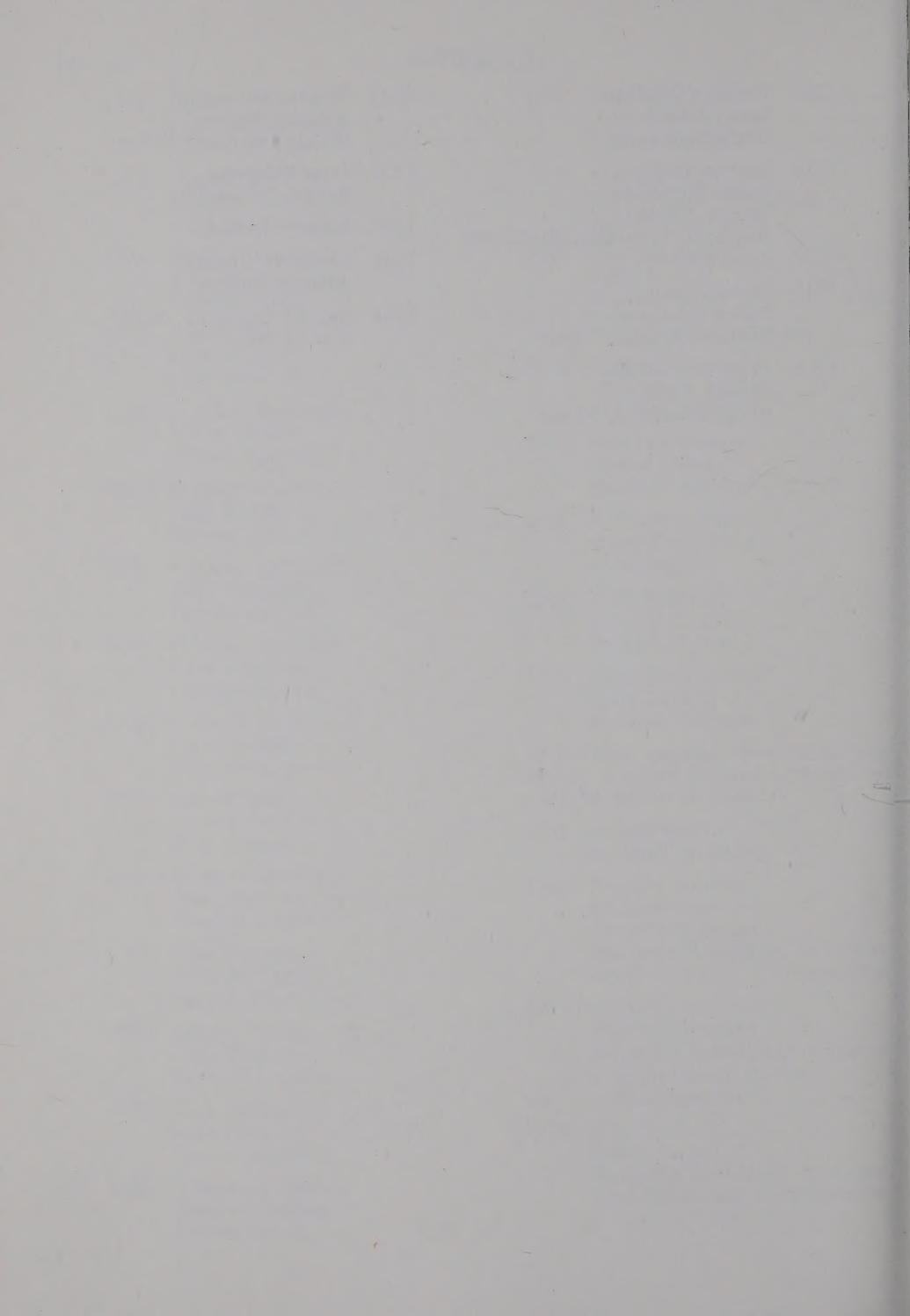
1562	John Long, Edward Brightwell	1593	Mathew Knight Henry Showell
1565	John Long, John Hartlet	1594	William Knight Humfry Hadley
1566	Edward Brightwell Richard Moore	1595	William Halhed James Sawbridge
1568	John Long, Henry Halhed	1596	Humfry Hadley Mathew Knight
1569	John Hartley or Hartlet Edward Penthelyn or Bentley	1597	Henry Showell James Sawbridge
1570	John Hartley or Hartlet John Knight the elder	1598	William Bentley William Knight
1571	John Hartley or Hartlet Edward Brightwell	1599	Henry Showell Nicholas Austen
1572	Henry Shuttilworthe Roland Meryck	1600	John Gill George Nickolls
1573	Roger Jackson Simon Wickeham	1601	William Bentley, John Gill Nicholas Austen
1574	Henry Halhed John Knight	1602	Thomas Whately Nicholas Austen
1584	John Knight	1603	Edward Eddon John Nycolles
1585	Roland Mericke William Bentley	1604	Henry Showell John Gill
1586	Roland Mericke Robert Hayward	1605	William Knight Thomas Webb
1587	Thomas Long William Bentley	1606	Thomas Whately Robert Russell
1588	William Halhed Richard Wheatley	1607	Nicodemus Edens John Nycolles
1589	Thomas Pymme William Knight	1608	Henry Showell, John Gill Thomas Foster
1590	William Knight Matthew Knight	1609	Nicodemus Edens Thomas Webb, John Pym
1591	Thomas Longe, Mathew Knight Humfry Hadley	1610	Thomas Whately John Nicolles, Thomas Webb
1592	Mathew Knight William Halhed		

1611	John Gill Nicodemus Edens Robert Russell	1626	Richard Vivers John Austen William Allen
1612	John Wing Robert Bentley George Moseley (d. Dec.) Edward Wisdome (replacement)	1627	John Nicholls Thomas Webb Edward Mann
1613	Thomas Foster John Nicholes John Awsten	1628	Robert Russell John Austen John Turton
1614	Thomas Webb Robert Russell Thomas Halhed (junior)	1629	Richard Vivers George Robbins Nathaniel Wheately
1615	Thomas Whately Nicodemus Edens John Awsten	1630	Thomas Halhead Francis Andrews Andrew Anselye
1616	John Nicholles Edward Wysdome Richard Vivers	1631	Thomas Webb Richard Vivers Organ Nicholls
1617	Nichodemus Edens Thomas Halhead Epiphany Hill	1632	Robert Russell John Turton John Webb
1618	Thomas Foster John Winge Henry Halhead George Robbins	1633	Thomas Webb Francis Andrew Nathaniel Hill
1619	John Nicholls Robert Russell Richard Vivers	1634	George Robbins William Allen Edward Beale
1620	Thomas Wheately Robert Bentley George Robbins	1635	Richard Vivers Nathaniel Wheately Richard Halhead
1621	Thomas Webb John Susten Edmund Samlbone	1636	Thomas Webb Robert Russell Andrew Annesley
1622	Robert Russell Thomas Halhead Hugh Sherwood	1637	Francis Andrewes Nathaniel Hill George Phillips
1623	unknown	1638	William Allen Nathaniel Wheatley Aholiab West
1624	Thomas Webb John Wynge Mathew Alsopp	1639	Andrew Ansely Organ Nicholls George Phillips
1625	Robert Bentley Edward Wysdome Henry Halhead	1640	Robert Russell George Robbins William Wheately

1641	John Webb Richard Halhead Thomas Pym	1657	Thomas Halhead Thomas Robins William Stokes (d. June 1658)
1642	Richard Vivers Edward Beale Thomas Halhead	1658	Nathaniel Hill Edward Welchman Edward Langham
1643	Nathaniel Hill Organ Nicholls William Hawkins	1659	James West Henry Smith Samuel Rennols
1644	Andrew Annesley William Wheatly Thomas Robbins	1660	Thomas Robins Benjamin Hiberdine William Hawtayne
1645	none appointed	1661	Richard Halhed John Hams John West
1646	William Allen Edward Beale Thomas Halhead	1662	Benjamin Hibberdine (d. Feb. 1662/3) Samuel Reynolds William Wheatly
1647	Aholiab West William Wheatley William Hawkins	1663	Thomas Robins Edward Welchman Richard Wheatly
1648	Nathaniel Wheatly Thomas Halhead William Stokes	1664	Samuel Reynolds William Hawtaine William Hawkins
1649	William Allen Organ Nixe als Nicholes John Hams	1665	unknown
1650	John Webb Richard Halhed Samuel Blackwell	1666	James West Henry Smyth Henry Stokes
1651	Nathaniel Wheatly Nathaniel Hill William Stokes	1667	John Hams Richard Wheatly John Welchman
1652	William Whately Thomas Halhed Edward Langham	1668	William Hawtaine William Hawkins Thomas Sutton
1653	Nathaniel Wheatly Aholiab West Edward Welchman	1669	Samuel Reynolds William Wheatly Michael Bradford
1654	Nathaniel Hill Thomas Robins John Hams	1670	William Hawtayne Andrew Harvey John West
1655	Nathaniel Wheatly Edward Beale Edward Langham	1671	Henry Stokes John Welchman John Stokes
1656	unknown		

1672	Samuel Rennols William Hawtayne Thomas Sutton	1687	John Welchman John West senior Joseph Maule	displaced 3 Feb. 1687/8
1673	Samuel Hall Richard Wheatly John West senior		Richard Burrows Christopher Fennimore Jacob Gascoigne	
1674	Samuel Rennols William Hawtayne Thomas Sutton	1688	John Langston John Youick Richard Gunn	displaced 25 Oct. 1688
1675	Samuel Hall John Stokes John Cave		replacements unknown	
1676	William Hawtaine Henry Stokes Thomas Halhed	1689	Andrew Harvey John West junior William Tharpe	
1677	Richard Wheatly John Stokes Thomas Sutton	1690	Charles Stokes Samuel West Malachi Harvey	
1678	William Hawtayne John Welchman Thomas Halhed	1691	Richard Crooke Edward Rennolls John Hall	
1679	William Hawtayne John Welchman Thomas Halhed	1692	John Welchman John Allington George Thorpe	
1680	Richard Wheatly John Stokes John West junior	1693	John West senior John Cave Richard Burrowes	
1681	Samuel Hall Thomas Sutton John French	No further regular record has survived, but the following names occur, by dates of audit:		
1682	Richard Wheatly John West senior Charles Stokes	1703	Samuel West Richard Wheatley	
1683	John Welchman John Allington Samuel West	1706	Malachi Harvey William Box Francis Goodwin Benjamin Loveling, Minister Henry Clarson, Churchwarden	
1684	Andrew Harvey John Stokes Richard Crooke	1708	Richard Burrows Francis Goodwin Benjamin Loveling, Minister John Welchman junior, Churchwarden	
1685	John Allington John Cave Edward Rennols	1710	William Box Henry Lucas Benjamin Loveling, Minister John Welchman, Churchwarden	
1686	John West junior Charles Stokes Andrew Smith			

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| 1712 | Francis Goodwin
Henry Lucas
Benjamin House | 1723 | Blaggrave Gregory
Anthony Haynes
William Asplin, Vicar |
| 1714 | George Thorp
Fulke Rainbowe
Thomas Mander
Benjamin Loveling, Minister
John Kening | 1726 | John Welchman
Robert Greenall |
| 1719 | Thomas Owen
Fulke Rainbowe
William Asplin, Vicar | 1728 | Robert Greenall |
| 1721 | Francis Goodwin
Thomas Mander
William Asplin, Vicar | 1731 | Blaggrave Gregory
Anthony Haynes |
| | | 1741 | Samuel Sansbury, Mayor
Edward Box |



BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

on Members and Officers of Banbury Corporation

The purpose of these brief biographies is primarily to obviate the need for strings of index entries against the chief personalities occurring in these records. In particular for members of the Corporation, whose names are in capital letters, their whole period as such should be examined in the volume.

Baptisms, marriages and burials are taken from Banbury parish registers, 1558-1724 (B.H.S. vols. 2, 7 and 9). Wills and other probate records are from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) or from the Peculiar Court of Banbury (PCB) (index, B.H.S. vol. 1). Numbers following PCB references are of the abstracts, for the years 1591-1650, published in B.H.S. vols. 13 and 14.

No attempt has been made to amplify these by references to such additional sources as Subsidy and Hearth Tax Returns, deeds, etc. (though the editors will be pleased to assist with specific enquiries where possible). The biographies are therefore far from exhaustive, and relevant records should be examined for further information.

Allen, James. Bapt. 21 Nov 1563; taster of victuals, 1612-3; bur. 8 May 1613; PCB 145 (probably a shoemaker).

ALLEN, WILLIAM. Tithingman, 1614-5; mem. 1616-7, as exor. of William Franklin's will (dated 1620); Constable, 1618-9, 1619-20. Burgess from 1625-6, Alderman from 1629-30 to 1660-1. Bridgemaster, 1625-27, 1635-37, 1652-53. Auditor, 1626-8, 1633-5, 1637-9, 1645-50. **Mayor, 1632-3, 1653-4.** Justice of Peace, 1655-6. Loan, 1641-2, 1660-1, 1661-2. Refs. in accounts, 1625-6, 1630-1, 1632-3, 1639-40, 1654-5; and in fn. under 1610-1 re. William Taylor's will, of 1630. Mar. (1) 12 Nov 1611 Dorcas Bayley (bur. 24 Aug 1617); (2) Bathsua (bur. 28 Oct 1631); (3) Ann (bur. 5 Jan 1635/6); (4) Elizabeth (bur. 25 Sep 1665). Will PCC, 1670.

ALLINGTON, JOHN, apothecary. Son of Revd. John A. of Leamington Hastings, Warw. Tithingman, 1664-5; Constable, 1666-7. Burgess from 1669-70, Alderman from 1680. (temporarily removed from Corporation, 1687-8). Bridgemaster, 1677-9, 1689-91. Auditor, 1682-6, 1691-3. **Mayor, 1680-1** (also 1712-3). Loan, 1685-6. Mar. Catherine (bur. 29 Jan 1721/2). Bur. 3 Aug 1718 (when he was a Justice of the Peace). See Pedigree 3.

ALLSOP(P), MATTHEW. Bapt. 10 Jan 1579/80 son of William. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Burgess, 1622-3 to 1627-8. Auditor, 1623-5. Mar. Jane (before 1617).

ANDREW(ES), FRANCIS, woollen draper. Tithingman, 1624-5; Constable, 1626-7. Burgess from 1627-8, Alderman from 1628 to 1639-40. Bridgemaster, 1627-9. Auditor, 1629-34, 1636-8. **Mayor, 1635-6.** Ref. in accounts, 1623-4. Churchwarden, 1623. Mar. 7 Jan 1621/2 Elizabeth dau. of Richard Vivers. See Pedigree 5.

Andrews, William. Tithingman, 1625-6, 1626-7; Constable 1629-30, 1630-1. Ref. in accounts, 1627-8.

ANNESLEY, ANDREW, tanner. Tithingman, 1618-9, 1619-20; Constable, 1623-4, 1624-5. Burgess from 1629-30, Alderman from 1637-8. Bridgemaster, 1629-31. Auditor, 1629-31, 1635-40, 1643-5. **Mayor, 1640-1.** Loan, 1641-2. Mar. Ellen (bur. ? Dec 1641). Bur. 15 Feb 1647/8. Will PCC. See Pedigree 5.

Annesley, Andrew, lace-buyer. Tithingman, 1671-2, 1672-3; Constable, 1673-4. Bur. 29 Nov 1682. Will PCC.

Anslow, George. Born c.1601 (aged 56 in 1657/8). Constable 1653-4, 1654-5. Churchwarden, 1655-6 (sheep-pens dispute). Bur. 9 Feb 1671-2. Will PCC.

- Annesley, William**, butcher. Bapt. 27 Nov 1655 son of Thomas A. of Neithrop. Taster, 1680-1, 1681-2, 1686-9, 1690-1, 1693-4. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Harding's money). Bur. 5 Jan 1719/20.
- Ashmole or Ashpole, Ralph**. Tithingman, 1630-1. Sergeant, 1641-2. Mar. 15 Apr 1627 Ann Bently (bur. 7 Sep 1643). See Pedigree 6.
- Asplin, William**, Vicar of Banbury, 1717-1734. Born c.1688 son of William A. of Worcs., gent. B.A., M.A.(1707), St. Alban Hall, Oxford. Chaplain to a regiment on foreign service. Auditor of bridgemasters' accounts, 1719, 1721, 1723. Vicar of Horley and Hornton, 1723. Rector of Burthorpe, Glos., 1734-1758. Mar. Mary dau. of John Myster of Hoson(?), Oxon. Died 1758.
- AUSTIN or AUSTEN, JOHN**. Burgess in 1608 (charter), Alderman from c.1619 to c.1659. Juror for borough boundary, 1605-6, and survey, 1606. Auditor, 1612-15, 1620-22, 1625-29. Chamberlain, 1628-9 to 1655 (last ref., dated 1656/7, under 1648-9). **Mayor, 1622-3, 1634-5, 1654-5**. Coroner, 1632, 1633-4. Justice of the Peace, 1637-8. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Refs. in accounts, 1621-2, 1658-9 (and constantly as Chamberlain). Mar. Millicent. Died c.1658-9. See Pedigree 8.
- AUSTEN, JOHN**. Bapt. 3 Mch 1611/2 son of John and Millicent. Constable, 1646-7, 1647-8. Burgess from 1658 to 1661, Alderman in 1662 (no further ref.). Probably died c.1662. See Pedigree 8.
- AUSTEN, JOHN**. Bapt. 26 May 1635 son of Joseph and Sarah. Tithingman, 1657-8, 1658-9; Constable, 1659-60, 1660-1. Burgess probably from 1662-3, Alderman 1668-9 until death. **Mayor, 1674-5**. Mar. 4 Nov 1656 Deborah dau of John Goodwine of Horley. Bur. 26 May 1678. See Pedigree 8.
- AUSTEN, JOHN**. Replacement Corporation, Feb 1687/8 to Oct 1688. **Mayor, Feb 1687/8-Sep 1688**. Chamberlain, Feb 1687/8 to Oct 1688. Petition to Parliament, 1691-2. Mar. ?Hannah (bur. 14 Jan 1697/8). Bur. 10 Aug 1708 "at Church Stile". Will PCB. No connection has yet been found between this John Austen and the family to which the other three John Austen's and Joseph Austen belonged.
- Austen, Joseph**. Bapt. 26 Dec 1609 son of John and Millicent. Tithingman, 1638-9, 1639-40; Constable, 1641-2. Mar. 4 Aug 1634 Sarah widow of William Halhed. Bur. 21 Oct 1643. See Pedigree 8.
- AUSTEN, NICHOLAS**. Town Clerk (refs. under 1588-9, 1591-2, 1608 Charter). Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. Corporation, 1597-8. Auditor, 1598-9, 1600-1, 1601-2. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1620/1. Ref. in accounts, 1611-2. Bur. 24 July 1613.
- Avery, John**, linen draper. Tithingman, 1591-2. Petition, 1590. Bur. 21 Oct 1594.
- Baker, John**. Taster, 1652-55. Mem. (bonds for Brightwell's money), 1674-5, 1687-8. Bur. ? 15 July 1675, 3 Apr 1678 or 13 March 1705/6.
- Ball, John**, bookseller. Born c.1617 (aged 40 in 1657/8). Tithingman, 1652-3, 1654-5. Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6. Mar. Mary (bur. 7 July 1678). Bur. 15 Dec 1686 ('poor').
- Barber, William**, of Halle Place, Adderbury. Born 1621 son of Robert and Susanna. High Sheriff of Oxon., 1665. Assistant, Banbury Corporation, 1683-4. Died 24 Sep 1688. See C&CH II, 12, pp.201-3.
- Barnes, John**, victualler at the Poleaxe. Tithingman, 1668-9, 1669-70; Constable, 1670-1, 1671-2. Mem. (bonds of Harding's money), 1674-5, 1687-8. Mar. (1) 6 Nov 1660 Ann dau. of Martin Kenning; (2) Elizabeth (bur. 8 March 1680/1); (3) May 1681, Mary Wamsley, wid. Bur. 3 Dec 1688. PCB.
- BARNESLEY, JOHN**, innholder of The Lion. Son of William and Millicent. Burgess 1554 (Charter). Chamberlain, 1554-56. Quit rents, 1586. Mar. Helen widow of --- Wise and dau. of Roland Merick (refs. in will of J.B.). Bur. 4 Feb 1587/8. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 9.

- BARN(E)SLEY or BARMESLEY, WILLIAM.** Alderman and first Bailiff, 1553-4 (Charter).
Ref. in accounts, 1555-6 ("my cousin Barnsley").
Mar. Millicent (bur. 21 March 1574/5) (refs. in accounts, 1556-7).
Will, PCC 1557. See Pedigree 9.
- Barrowes, Nicholas.** Survey, 1606 (Colebar Street). Assistant, 1608 (Charter).
Bur. 5 March 1610/1. Will, PCC.
- Basse or Bosse, Edward,** barber. Bapt. 5 Sep 1596 son of Eustace. Tithingman, 1629-30, 1630-1; Constable, 1631-2, 1632-3. Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6.
Bur. 3 Jan 1669/70. PCB (under Bosse).
- BAYLY, WILLIAM.** Alderman 1554 (listed in Account Book but not in Charter).
Bur. 28 Feb 1563/4.
- BAYS, RICHARD.** ?Burgess, 1557-8 (signs orders). Bur. 21 Nov 1565.
- BEALE, EDWARD,** shoemaker. Tithingman, 1618-9, 1619-20; Searcher and sealer of leather, 1620-1; Constable, 1622-3. Burgess, 1634-5 (but from 1633-4); Alderman, from 1641-2. Auditor, 1633-4, 1641-3, 1645-7, 1654-6. Bridgemaster, 1635-7, 1650-2. Mayor, 1649-50. Loan, 1641-2. Accounts (for Shoemakers' Company), 1635-6.
Mar. 3 June 1613 Ellen Rowse (bur. 10 Oct 1648). Bur. 5 Oct 1657. M.I.
- Bell, Henry.** Taster, 1628-9, 1630-2. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1648-50. Accounts, 1631-2; (for Shoemakers' Company), 1639-40.
Mar. 9 July 1611 Elizabeth Harlottes (bur. 22 June 1655). Bur. 21 Dec 1655.
- Bennett, Richard,** tanner. Constable, 1689-90. Bur. 17 Dec 1697. PCB.
- Bennett, Thomas.** Constable, 1591-2. Quit rent, 1586. Ref. in accounts, 1601-2.
- BENTLEY or PENTLYN, EDWARD.** Burgess, 1554. Alderman by 1561. Signed orders 1557-8. Bailiff, 1561-2. Justice of the Peace, 1565-6. Auditor, 1568-9. Bur. 1 Dec 1578.
- Bentley, Edward.** Bapt. 19 March 1564/5 son of William. Assistant, 1608 (Charter).
Lease of tenements in Sheep Street, 1603. See Pedigree 6.
- Bentley, John.** Bapt. 19 April 1578 son of William. Tithingman, 1613-4. See Ped. 6.
- Bentley, John,** mercer. Bapt. 2 Nov 1602 son of Robert and Maudelyn. Tithingman, 1636-7, 1637-8; Constable, 1638-9, 1639-40. Survey, 1653 (Cole Bar Street).
Mar. 15 May 1627 Jane Hall. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- Bentley, John.** Bapt. 11 June 1609 son of John, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1639-58 (with gaps). Mar. ? Mary (bur. 6 April 1631, "wife of John, shoemaker", but this may have been his mother). Bur. 13 April 1658.
- Bentley, Matthew,** mercer. Bapt. 30 Aug 1580 son of William and Margaret. Tithingman, 1616-7; Constable, 1617-8, 1621-2. Bur. 30 June 1627. PCB 286.
See Pedigree 6.
- Bentley, Matthew,** shoemaker. Bapt. 3 June 1606 son of John (shoemaker) and Mary. Constable and Assistant, 1662-3. Ref. in accounts, 1631-2 (Oken's money).
Mar. (1) 24 June 1634 Christian Long (bur. 27 May 1645); (2) 25 Sep 1645 Anne Stoakes (bur. 19 Aug 1655); (3) 10 Dec 1656 Katherine Tunks. Bur. 18 May 1667. PCB.
- BENTLEY, ROBERT,** mercer. Bapt. 1 Jan 1568/9 son of William and Margaret. ?Constable, 1604-5. Burgess 1608 (Charter). Alderman by 1616. Auditor, 1611-3, 1619-21, 1624-6. Mayor, 1616-7, 1626-7. Wool Market loan. 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Poor loan, 1597/8. Reversion of lease of tenements in Sheep Street held by Edward Penthlyn or Bentley, 1603; Town rents, 1616/7. Survey, 1606 (Sheep Street). Refs. in accounts, 1603-4, 1609-10, 1611-2, 1612-3; (for the Company of Mercers) 1617-8, 1618-9. Mar. Maude (Lyn). Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- BENTLEY or PENTHELYN, WILLIAM.** Chamberlain, 1564-5, 1567-73. Auditor, 1584-5, 1586-7, 1597-8, 1600-1. Corporation, 1597-8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Survey 1606 (Sheep Street). Mem. re entail, 1612-3 (then dec'd.).
Mar. 24 Jan 1562/3 Margaret --- (bur. 3 June 1598). Bur. 12 Apr 1603.
See Pedigree 6.

Berry, John, maltster. Constable, 1681-3. Bur. 7 Oct 1729.

Berry, Nicholas. Tithingman 1621-2, 1622-3. Survey 1606. Mar.(1) Isabel (bur. 30 Dec 1628); (2) 22 Apr 1630 Joyce Elles (bur. 13 Dec 1639). Bur. 17 July 1640. Will, PCC.

BLACKWELL, SAMUEL. Tithingman, 1638-9, 1639-40; Constable 1640-1, 1641-2. Burgess 1647 (from 1646). Auditor, 1649-51. Bridgemaster 1652-4. Mar. ? Elinor (bur. 3 May 1684, PCB), Loan 1660-1, 1661-2. Bur. 30 Sep 1654.

Blincoe, John, of Marston St. Lawrence, esquire. Son of John and Margaret. Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Refs. in accounts, 1596-7, 1601-2, 1607-8 (these may refer to George Blincoe). Poor loan, 1597/8. Died c.1643. See Baker, "Northamptonshire", p.640.

Blencowe, Sir John, of Marston St. Lawrence. Born 1642 son of Thomas and Mary. Assistant to the Corporation, 1683-4. Member of Parliament for Brackley, 1690-95. Knighted 1696. Died 8 May, bur. 14 May 1726. See Baker, "Northamptonshire", 640.

Blissard, Thomas. Tithingman, 1591-2. Poor Loan, 1597/8. Bur. 30 Apr 1598. PCC.

Bloxham, Robert, butcher. Taster, 1679-80, 1689-90. Warden, 1693-4. Bur. 13 Nov 1737, 'sen.' PCB.

Bloxham, William, yeoman. Bapt. 23 Jan 1619/20 son of Richard and Hannah or Susanna. Tithingman, 1649-9, 1651-2; Constable, 1654-5, 1661-2. Bur. 15 Nov 1678. PCC.

BOSWORTHE, EUSTACE, pewterer. Burgess, 1554 (Charter). Quit rent, 1586. Will, 1558, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford.

BOWERS, JOHN, of Neithrop. Alderman on replacement Corporation, Sep. 1688. Bur. 20 May 1722, a Quaker. PCB.

Bowler, Samuel. Tithingman, 1673-4, 1674-5; Constable, 1675-6, 1676-7. Bur. 28 Sep 1683.

BOX, EDWARD, brasier. Bapt. 20 Mch 1692/3 son of William and Joyce. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Mayor, 1733-4, 1740-1. Auditor, 1741. Mar.(1) 28 Apr 1719, Joyce Buttry (bur. 13 July 1727); (2) Mary (bur. 9 Aug 1749, PCB). Bur. 28 Feb 1752 (J.P. and Chamberlain). Will, PCC.

BOX, WILLIAM, brasier. Constable 1691-2, 1692-3. Burgess by 1696; Alderman. Bridgemaster, 1701-3, 1711-3. Auditor, 1705-6, 1709-10. Ref. in accounts, 1708 (as security for Benjamin Bosse on Oken's money). Mar. Joyce (bur. 21 July 1696, "wife of William, burgess"). Bur. 27 Sep 1732, "sen." PCB.

BRADFORD, MICHAEL, mercer. Son of Samuel (ref. in Will of M.B.). Tithingman 1664-5; Constable, 1666-7. Burgess 1669-70. Auditor 1668-70. Mar. Mary (bur. 12 June 1670). Bur. 15 Aug 1671. Will, PCC.

BRADFORD, THOMAS. Bapt. 1 Jan 1667/8 son of Michael and Mary. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1727-29. Bur. 15 Mch 1760 (J.P. and Alderman).

Bradley, Anthony. Tollgatherer for sheep market, 1612-3. Mar.(1) 30 Sep 1593, Mary Trapnell (bur. 29 Mch 1617); (2) 15 Jan 1617/8 Julian Howse. Bur. 13 May 1639. PCB 377.

Brasbridge, Thomas, Vicar of Banbury, 1581-1590. Petition, 1589-90. Mar. Anne. Bur. 11 Nov 1593. PCB 25. See C&CH iii, 5, 71-74; Beesley, 243-4.

BRIGHTWELL, EDWARD, mercer. Alderman, 1554 (Charter). Bailiff, 1558-9, 1564-5, 1569-70. Auditor, 1561-2, 1565-6, 1570-1. Other refs. 1557-8, 1565-6. Bur. 15 Aug 1572. Will PCC, with legacy to Corporation. Mems. re charity, 1598/9 and under Charity Decree, 1602-3.

Burden, Richard, saddler. Constable, 1690-1, 1691-2. Bur. 19 Nov 1736.

BURROWES, RICHARD. Bapt. 30 Apr 1649 son of John. Tithingman, 1674-5, 1675-6; Constable, 1676-7, 1677-8. Assistant, 1683-4. Auditor, 1687-8 (for replacement Corporation). Burgess by 1693-4. Auditor, 1693-4, 1707-8. Mayor, 1714-5. Mar. Dorothy (bur. 9 June 1720, relict). Died before 1720.

- Butler, John.** Tithingman, 1670-1; Constable, 1672-3. Mem. 1674-5 (bonds for Oken's and Brightwell's money). Assistant, 1683-4. Bur. ?16 Sep 1699, PCB.
- Butler, John,** slatter, from the King's Arms. Constable, 1692-3, 1693-4. Mem. 1708 (bond for Oken's money). Bur. 8 Oct 1711. PCB. Ref. in accounts, 1712 (to executors for interest on Oken's money).
- Butler, Joseph,** ?maltster. Constable, 1680-1, 1681-2, 1682-3. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Brightwell's money). Possible burials 1684, 1705, 1717/8.
- Butler, William.** Tithingman, 1649-50, 1650-1; Constable 1651-2, 1652-3. Mem. re lease, 1687-8. Bur. 20 July 1689 (or possibly 30 Nov 1677, PCB).
- Calcott, William,** smith and farrier. Bapt. either 3 Oct 1657 son of Richard of Neithrop, or 13 Apr 1656 son of Richard, smith. Constable 1686-7, 1687-8, 1688-9. Mar. (1) 10 Apr 1682 Mary Gunn (bur. 23 Apr 1701); (2) Ann (bur. 27 Jan 1718/9). Bur. 12 Aug 1713. PCB.
- CALLOW, RICHARD,** chandler. Burgess, 1699. Bur. 4 Dec 1699. PCB.
- CARTER** als. **BUTLER, THOMAS.** Burgess, 1554. Signed orders, 1557-8. **Bailiff, 1570-1.** Mar. 7 Aug 1570 Elionor Wilsheire (bur. 4 Sep 1583). Bur. 29 Nov 1587.
- CAVE, JOHN.** Burgess, 1675-6; Alderman, 1685-6 to death. Auditor, 1674-6, 1684-6. Bridgemaster, 1681-3, 1693-4. **Mayor, 1686-7.** Loan, 1685-6. Ref. to 1692 in 1690-1 accounts. Mar. Joyce (nee Laurence) widow of Henry Smith (d.1677/8). Bur. 4 June 1703. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 5.
- Chamberlain(e), George,** esquire. Bapt. 5 Sep 1615 son of Sergeant and Mary. Commissioner, 1661-2.
- Chamberlain, Sir Thomas,** of Wickham and Grays Inn. Charity Commissioner, 1602-3. Recorder and Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter) to death. Refs. in accounts, 1604-5 (gift of venison), 1614-5, 1617-8. Justice of King's Bench, 1620; Chief Justice of Chester; Knighted c.1615. Mar. 1612 Lady Elizabeth Stafford (bur. 26 Sep 1620). Bur. 1 Oct 1625. Will, PCC.
- Chamberlaine, Sir Thomas,** baronet, of Wickham. Bapt. 15 May 1614 son of Thomas and the Lady Stafford. Commissioner, 1661-2. Bur. 8 Oct 1681. Will, PCC, 1682.
- Chambers, Calcott,** of Williamscott. Son of George Chambers and Judith dau. of Walter Calcott. Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Refs. re Calcott's charity, 1598-9, and in Charity Decree, 1602-3. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1626. Mar. Elizabeth dau. of John Wordor of Banbury (Oxon. Visitn., p.150).
- Chaundler, Thomas,** apparitor. Tollgatherer, 1588-9. Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 13 Jan 1596/7.
- Chittwood, Sir Richard,** knight. Charity Commissioner, 1602-3. Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter). Quit rent, 1586. Survey, 1606 (Bridge Street).
- Clarke, Richard,** shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1659-61. ? Survey, 1653 (Sheep Street). Bur. 20 July 1692. Will PCC.
- CLARKSON, ANTHONY.** Chamberlain, 1589-90. Quit rent, 1586. Ref. in accounts, 1596/7. Lease of Crown Pool Bank, 1603 (from 1590). Mar. 14 Feb 1570/1, Anne Cooper. Bur. 4 Mch 1590/1. Will, PCB.
- CLARSON, HENRY,** dyer. Auditor of Bridgemasters' accounts, as Churchwarden, 1706. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1711-3, 1732. **Mayor, 1732-3, 1735-6, 1743-4, 1747-8.** Mar. 2 Dec 1702 Abigail Harvey (bur. 12 July 1742). Bur. 18 Mch 1747/8 (whilst Mayor). See Pedigree 11.
- Cobb, Sir Thomas,** 1st baronet (1662), of Adderbury. Commissioner, 1661-2. Assistant to Corporation, 1683-4. Died 1699. See Gepp, "Adderbury", 64-5.
- Coles or Coates, Edward,** cobbler. Tollgatherer for Beast Market, 1612-3. Bur. 17 Jan 1626/7. PCB 280.
- Cole, John.** Bapt. 24 Oct 1648 son of Thomas and Mary. Constable, 1690-1. Mar. Mary (bur. 26 July 1702). Bur. 7 Aug 1713, from the Sign of the Poleaxe.

- Cole(s), Thomas**, victualler. Born c.1617 (aged 40 in 1657/8). Tithingman, 1654-5. Survey 1653 (St. John's Street). Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6 (rented sheep-toll). Mems.1670-1, 1679-80, re rent. Mar. Mary (bur. 8 Dec 1674). Bur. 29 Mch 1684.
- Cooper, Anthony**. Bapt. 16 Apr 1581 son of Robert. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1624-5, 1626-8, 1638-40. Mar. (1) 11 Nov 1605 Elizabeth Norrys (bur. 8 Dec 1639); (2) Joan (bur. 4 Nov 1643). Bur. July 1644.
- Cope, Sir Anthony**, 1st baronet, of Hanwell. Born 1549 son of Edward. Ref. in accounts, 1568-9. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1571-1601, for Oxfordshire, 1606-11, 1614. Ref. to 1583 in memo. of 1671-2. Quit rents, 1586. Knighted, 1590. Charities Commissioner, 1602-3. Lease of 2 messuages in St. John's Street, 1603 (from 1602); Town rents, 1616/7 (St. John's). Survey, 1606 (as Commissioner and property in North Bar). Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter). Baronet, 29 June 1611. Bur. 11 July 1614. See Burke's Peerage and Baronetage.
- Cope, Sir Anthony**, 4th baronet. Born 1632. Commissioner, 1661-2. Bur. 12 June 1675. See Burke's Peerage and Baronetage.
- Cope, Sir John**, 5th baronet, of Hanwell. Born 1624 or 1634, son of Sir John, 3rd bt. Member of Parliament for Oxfordshire, 1675, 1679, 1688-9; for Banbury, 1698. Petition to (Privy) Council, 1699 (as Assistant to Corporation). Mar. Ann Booth. Died 11 Jan 1721, bur. at Eversley, Hants. See Beesley, 473, 507.
- Cope, Richard**, esquire. 2nd son of Sir Anthony Cope, 1st bt. Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Lease of ground in St. John's Street, 1616-7. Town rents, 1616/7 (Sheep Street). Mar. Anne sister of Sir William Walter. Settled in Ireland. Died 1628. See Burke's Peerage and Baronetage; Beesley, 262.
- Cope, Sir William**, 2nd baronet. Born 1577 son of Sir Anthony, 1st bt. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1603-4, 1614, 1620-1; and Oxfordshire, 1624. Ref. in accounts, 1615-6. Town rents, 1616/7 (Sheep Street). Died 2 Aug 1637. See Beesley, 261; Burke's Peerage and Baronetage.
- Cowley, John**, currier. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5, 1685-6. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Harding's money). Bur. 3 June 1696. PCB.
- Craftes, Robert**, of Calthorpe, shoemaker. Bapt. 22 July 1566 son of Ambrose. Taster of victuals, 1612-3, 1613-4. Charity decree, 1602-3. Mar. (1) 10 July 1598 Isabell Jordayn, wid. (bur. 8 Jan 1622/3); (2) 12 Aug 1623 Joan Kymble - Fire Relief, 1628. Bur. 30 Dec 1626. PCB 290.
- Crew(e), John**, 1st Baron Crewe of Steane, 1661. Born 1598 son of Sir Thomas and Temperance. Member of Parliament for Brackley, 1625; Banbury, 1627-8; Northamptonshire, 1640. Recorder of Banbury, 1633-4. Mar. 1623 Jemima dau. of Edward Waldegrave. Died 1679. See Beesley, 280-1, 477; Complete Peerage.
- Crew(e), Sir Thomas**, of Steane. Born c.1565 son of John and Alice. Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Refs. in accounts, 1618-9, 1627-8. Member of Parliament for Northampton; Speaker of the House of Commons, 1623-25. Knighted, 1623/4. Mar. Temperance Bray, 1596. Died 31 Jan 1633/4. See D.N.B.
- Crew(e), Thomas**, 2nd Baron Crewe of Steane. Born c.1624 of John, 1st Baron. Member of Parliament for Northamptonshire; Brackley. High Steward of Banbury, 1683-4. Died 1697. See Complete Peerage.
- CROOKE, RICHARD**. Bapt. 24 Mch 1643/4 son of Thomas. Tithingman, 1670-1, 1671-2; Constable, 1672-3, 1673-4. Burgess from 1681-2. Alderman from 1690. Auditor, 1683-5, 1690-2. Bridgemaster, 1685-7. Refused mayoralty, 1689-90 (for 1690-1). Mayor, 1693-4. Resignation, 1702. Loan 1685-6.
- Cure, William**. Constable, 1658-9, 1659-60.
- Dankes, William**, tanner. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1681-2. Bur. 20 May 1687.
- Dashwood, Sir Robert**, 1st baronet., of Northbrook. Born 18 Oct, bapt. 6 Nov 1662 son of George and Margaret of Hackney. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1689-99. Petitions to Parliament, 1689-90, 1691-2. Mar. 9 June 1682 Penelope dau. of Sir Thomas Chamberlayne of Wickham. Died 14 July 1734. See "The Oxfordshire Dashwoods".

- DAUNT, WILLIAM.** Constable and Burgess, 1591-2. Petition, 1590. Bur. 14 May 1622.
- Davis, John,** gersey-weaver, labr. Bapt. 26 May 1667 son of Richard. Constable, 1692-3, 1693-4. Mar. (1) Elizabeth (bur. 7 June 1700); (2) either 1701 Sarah Williams or 1701/2 Mary North; (3) Alice (bur. 28 Nov 1716). Bur. 3 Mch 1733/4.
- Densey, Thomas,** butcher. Taster of victuals 1614-5, 1616-19. Town rents, 1616/7. Mar. --- (bur. 23 Nov 1632) - fire relief 1628. Bur. 21 Jan 1625/6. PCB 272.
- Denton, Thomas,** esquire, of Sunderfield, Bucks. Freeman 1554. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1554-8. Refs. in accounts, 1555-6, 1556-7.
- Devell, Richard.** Tithingman, 1612-3; Constable 1612-3, 1613-4.
- Dingley, John.** Bapt. 20 Apr 1611 son of Robert. Tithingman 1640-1, 1641-2. Bur. 3 Nov 1641. Will, PCC.
- Dixe, Ralph.** Bapt. 19 Nov 1572 son of Thomas and Anne. Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Survey, 1606. Refs. in accounts, 1605/6, 1606-7, 1607-8, 1611-2, 1612-3 (re entail), 1615/6 (under 1611-2), 1614-5. Mar. 9 Apr 1606 Mary Pynder or Piner (bur. 30 Mch 1617). Bur. 19 Mch 1618/9. PCB 216.
- DIXE, THOMAS,** tanner. Freeman 1554. Town Warden, 1570-1573. Alderman from or before 1574 to death. **Bailiff, 1574-5, 1585-6.** Quit rent, 1586. Poor loan and ref. on Corporation, 1597/8. Mar. Anne (bur. 15 Mch 1612/3 or 26 June 1613). Bur. 21 Nov 1599, in the church. PCB 58. Mem. re entail 1612-3.
- DOWNES, RICHARD.** Town Clerk (refs. under 1659-60, 1661-2, 1662-3, 1683-4 and at death; temporarily removed, 1687-8). Assistant, 1661-2, 1683-4 (removed 1687-8). Coroner 1683-4. Mar. 2 Dec 1638 Christian Richards. Bur. 4 Nov 1691. PCB. See Pedigree 4.
- Downe, William.** Freeman, 1554. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1588-9, 1591-2. Survey 1606 (Beast Market). ?Bur. 24 Oct 1592, 'an old man'.
- Drope, Ralph,** mercer. Tithingman, 1621-2, 1622-3; Constable, 1625-6, 1626-7. Mar. (1) Sisly (bur. 3 Mch 1633/4); (2) 21 June 1636 Sarah Wagstaffe. Bur. 5 Jan 1660/1. Will, PCC.
- Dudley, Edward,** butcher. Bapt. 29 Apr 1632 son of Matthew and Hannah. Taster, 1663-4, 1668-70, 1673-5, 1679-80, 1682-6. Mems. 1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds of Harding's money). Mar. ?Hannah (bur. 9 Apr 1697). Bur. 19 Oct 1705.
- Dudley, Matthew,** tailor. Bapt. 25 July 1583 son of Henry and Annys. Tithingman, 1624-5. Ref. in accounts, 1623-4 (for an affray). Mar. Hannah. Bur. 11 Feb 1642/3.
- DUDLEY, WILLIAM.** Burgess 1554. Ref. in accounts, 1555-6. Signs orders, 1557-8. Bur. 21 Nov 1572. PCB.
- Dumbleton, Thomas.** Bapt. 30 Aug 1638 son of Thomas. Tithingman, 1644-5; Constable, 1652-3, 1653-4. Bur. 15 Aug 1675.
- EDEN(S) or EATON, EDWARD.** Constable, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Corporation, 1591-2, 1597-8. Chamberlain, 1592-98. Poor loan, 1597/8. **Bailiff, 1598-9.** Refs. in accounts, 1599-1600, 1600-1, 1603-4, 1604-5. Auditor, 1602-1603. Alderman in 1608 (Charter). Survey 1606 (and juror). Lease of messuage in Sheep Street, 1603 (to run from 1611); Town rents, 1616/7. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6. Justice of the Peace, 1605-1606(?). Mar. 2 Nov 1579 Alice Knight (bur. 1 July 1629) - Corporation loan, 1620/1. Bur. 12 May 1615. PCB 167. See Pedigrees 1, 5.
- EDEN(E)S, EDWARD.** Bapt. 26 Aug 1586 son of Nichodemus. Town Clerk, 1617/8 (and refs. 1621/2, 1633-4) to death. Survey, 1606 (Shop Row or High Street). Corporation loan 1619/20, 1619-20, 1620/1. Rent (for Nichodemus Edens' house) 1620-1, 1623-4. Ref. in accounts, 1624-5. Mar. (1) Amy (bur. 7 Jan 1626/7); (2) Mary widow of Andrew Vivers. Bur. 21 Nov 1643. PCB 391. See Pedigree 5.
- EDENS, MARTIN.** Bapt. 19 Nov 1591 son of Nichodemus. Taster, 1630-2, 1649-50. Sergeant, 1631-4, 1637-8, 1641-2. Ref. in accounts, 1640-1. Bur. 10 Mch 1650/1. See Pedigree 5.

- EDENS, NICHODEMUS.** Bapt. 1 June 1565 son of Robert and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Constable, 1591-2. Burgess from 1591-2. Refs. 1596-7, 1597-8. Poor loan, 1597/8. Chamberlain, 1598-1602. **Bailiff, 1603-4, Mayor 1613-4.** Auditor, 1606-7, 1608-9, 1610-1, 1614-8. Alderman, 1608 (in Charter). Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Lease, 1603 (from 1590); Survey 1606 (near Shambles); Town rents, 1616/7; rent paid by Edward Edens, 1620-1. Died c.1619. See Pedigree 5.
- EDENS or YEDENS, ROBERT.** Chamberlain, ?1573-4, 1583-4. **Bailiff, 1587-8.** Quit rent, 1586. Survey 1606 (ref. to property now held by son Nichodemus). Ref. to Fee Farm under 1649-50. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 2 Nov 1585). Bur. 3 Dec 1595 ("Alderman", in church). PCB 37. See Pedigree 5.
- EGLESFIELD, BARTHOLOMEW.** Freeman, 1554. Signed orders (?as Burgess) 1557-8. Chamberlain, 1562-73. Ref. to house, 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Alderman until death. Mar. ?Joyce (bur. 3 Jan 1587/8. PCB) - Quit rent 1586. Bur. 15 May 1583.
- FAIREFELD or FERFELD, RICHARD.** Alderman, 1554 (Charter), 1557-8. Refs. in accounts 1555-6, 1556-7.
- Fardam or Vardam, Thomas.** Tollgatherer, 1588-9. ?Ref. in accounts, 1618-9. Mar. 1 Nov 1561 Annys or Ann (bur. 14 Jan 1588/9). Bur. 4 Mch 1616/7. See Ped.13.
- Fennimore, Christopher.** fellmonger. Constable, 1686-7, 1687-8. Auditor (to re-placement Corporation), 1687-8. Mar. (1) Susanna (bur. 25 Feb 1683/4); (2) Elizabeth (bur. 26 Dec 1689); (3) --- (bur. 4 Mch 1699/1700); (4) Aug 1700 Elizabeth (bur. 7 Oct 1703). Also possibly Grace (bur. 6 Mch 1718/9) and Elizabeth (bur. 15 Aug 1726), but there was a Christopher Fennimore junior. Bur. 30 Jan 1727/8.
- Fiennes, Nathaniel.** Born 1608, 2nd son of William, later Viscount Saye and Sele. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1640-1653. Ref. to election of 1640 in Petition to Parliament, 1691-2. Mar. (1) Elizabeth Eliot (d.1658); (2) Frances Whitehead (d.1691). Died 1669. See D.N.B.; "Journeys of Celia Fiennes", ed. C. Morris.
- Fiennes, Sir Richard,** 7th Baron Saye and Sele. Quit rents, 1585-6. Commissioner re Charities, 1602-3. Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter). Mem. 1671-2 (ref. to 1583). Survey 1606 (Castle and Hundred). Died 1613. Complete Peerage.
- Fiennes, William,** 1st Viscount Saye and Sele, 8th or 2nd Baron. Born 1582. Survey, 1606 (Castle and Hundred). Assistant to Corporation, 1608 (Charter). High Steward, elected 1632, ref. 1633-4. Refs. in accounts, 1628-9, 1641-2. Fee Farm, 1649-50. Died 11 April 1662. D.N.B.; Complete Peerage.
- FOSTER, THOMAS,** mercer. Chamberlain, 1589-93. Refs. on Corporation, 1591-2, 1597-8, 1617-20. Poor loan, 1597/8. Auditor, 1607-8, 1612-4, 1617-9. Bridgemaster, 1607-8, 1608-9. Alderman and Fellow of Hospital, 1608 (Charter). **Mayor, 1610-1.** Overseer of the Poor (east end of Colebar Street), 1612-3. Wool Market loan, 1610/1. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20. Refs. in accounts, 1598-9, 1606-7, 1611-2, 1619-20. Lease of tenement on east side of Leather Hall, 1603 (from 1590); Survey, 1606 (Mill Lane, High Street, juror); Town rent, 1616/7 (Bridge north). Mar. 16 Jan 1575/6 Anne Wickham (bur. 17 Apr 1618). Bur. 17 Oct 1621. PCB 238.
- Fox, Henry.** Bapt. 24 Aug 1595 son of Roger. Tithingman, 1643-4. Bur. Sep. 1644.
- Franklin, John,** dyer. Constable, 1690-1. ?Mem. 1708 (bond for Oken's money). Ref. in accounts, 1712 (interest on Oken's money). Or ?bur. 9 June 1691. PCB.
- Freeman, John.** Taster, 1628-9.
- FRENCH, JOHN,** mercer. Tithingman, 1674-5, 1675-6; Constable, 1676-7, 1677-8. Burgess from 1680-1 to death. Auditor, 1680-2. Mar. 23 Feb 1673/4 at Bloxham, Susannah Councer. Bur. 25 July 1684.
- French, Samuel.** Bapt. 21 Mch 1619/20 son of Thomas. Sergeant at Mace, 1655-6 (Sheep-pen dispute) to death. ?Survey, 1653 (Sheep Street). Bur. 7 Apr 1658.

- French, Thomas.** Bapt. 13 Oct 1577. Survey 1606 (and Enshams). Corporation loan, 1617/8. Taster, 1622-3. Mar. 6 Oct 1613 Dorothy Middleton (bur. 15 Mch 1635). Bur. 1 Apr 1649, "senior".
- Garner, Thomas.** Assistant and Fellow of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter).
- Garvey, Thomas.** Assistant and Fellow of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter).
- Gascoigne, Jacob, glover.** ?Tithingman, 1647-8. Mar. ?? Oct 1638 Ellenor Middleton (bur. 15 Aug 1639). Bur. 31 Oct 1657. Will, PCC, 1658.
- Gascoigne, Jacob, glover.** ?Tithingman, 1647-8 ("jun"); Constable, ?1685-6, 1686-7, 1687-8. Auditor (to replacement Corporation), 1687-8. Mar. ?(1) 7 Oct 1638 Ellenor Middleton (bur. 15 Aug 1639); (2) Mary (bur. 23 May 1718. PCC). Bur. 22 Apr 1700. PCB.
- Gascoigne, Robert, fellmonger, glover.** Tithingman, 1643-4. Bur. May 1644. PCB 395.
- Gascoigne, Robert, currier.** Bapt. 7 Nov 1659 son of Thomas and Elizabeth. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1690-94. Mar.(1) Dorothy (bur. 3 Apr 1700); (2) 19 Aug 1701 Mary Short. Bur. 31 Mch 1736. PCB.
- Gascoigne, Thomas, currier.** Searcher and sealer of leather, 1662-1689. Mem. 1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds for Brightwell's money). Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 8 Feb 1718/9). Bur. 3 Dec 1689.
- Gilkes, William, mercer.** Tithingman, 1632-3, 1633-4; Constable, 1634-5, 1641-2. Bur. 23 Sep 1643.
- Gill, Edward, of Wickham.** Son of John. Assistant to the Corporation, 1608 (Charter) Mar. 24 Feb 1605/6 Mary Knight (?bur. 2 Oct 1626). See Pedigree 1.
- GILL or GYLL, JOHN, gent., of Wickham.** Petition, 1590. Corporation, 1591 to 1627; Alderman, 1608 (Charter). Poor loan, 1597/8. Justice of the Peace, refs. 1597-8, 1608 (Charter), 1627-8 (Fire Appeal). Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Auditor, 1599-1600, 1600-1, 1603-4, 1607-8, 1610-1. **Bailiff, 1602-3.** Renewing Charter, 1603-4. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Mar. (1) Dorothy Claydon; (2) 15 May 1592, Mary widow of --- Fynns (bur. 3 Mch 1617/8). Bur. 25 June 1634. PCB 340. See Pedigrees 1, 4.
- GILL, PETER.** Town Clerk, 1554, 1565-6. Freeman, 1554. Refs. in accounts, 1555-6, 1556-7, 1562-3, 1565-6. ?Quit rent, 1586. Mar. ? Margery (bur. 4 Apr 1579). Bur. 1 Mch 1575/6. PCB. See Pedigree 1.
- GLOVER, EDMUND.** Burgess, 1554. Bur. 13 Mch 1557/8. Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford.
- GOODWIN, FRANCIS, tanner.** Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1703-5, 1713-8. Auditor, 1705-6, 1707-8, 1711-2, 1720-1. **Mayor, 1708-9, 1718-9.** Bur. 23 Sep 1731.
- Goodwin, John, tailor.** ?Charity decree, 1602-3. Constable, 1611-2, 1612-3. Ref. in accounts, 1627-8. Mar. 16 Oct 1604 Frideswide Lamprye (bur. 13 Nov 1624). Bur. 11 July 1639. Will, PCC.
- Goodwin, John.** Sergeant at Mace, 1683-4 (for 4 previous years), 1688-9. Bur. 15 Apr 1694. PCB.
- Goodwin, Nathaniel.** Tithingman, 1672-3, 1673-4; Constable, 1674-5, 1675-6. Assistant, 1683-4.
- GREENALL, ROBERT.** Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1720-3. Auditor, 1726-7, 1727-8. Mem. 1732 (re tenement in North Bar Street). Bur. 13 Aug 1734.
- Greenhill, Anthony.** Searcher and sealer of leather, 1646-7, 1650-2, 1654-5, 1657-9, 1661-2. Mem. 1674-5 (bonds for Oken's and Brightwell's money). Bur. 5 Jul 1677.
- Greenhill, John, shoemaker.** Bapt. 11 June 1649 son of Anthony 'Grizhill'. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1681-2. Constable, 1690-1, 1691-2. Mar.(1) Ann (bur. 7 Mch 1682/3); (2) Frances (bur. 11 Dec 1722). Bur. 12 Sep 1737.

- Greenhill, Thomas**, upholsterer. Bapt. 5 Aug 1657 son of Anthony. Constable, 1692-3, 1693-4. Bur. 16 July 1724.
- GREGORY, BLAGRAVE**, mercer. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Auditor, 1723-4, 1730-2. Bridgemaster, 1723-27.
- GULLIVER, WILLIAM**, guildler. Alderman on replacement Corporation, Sep. 1688. Bur. 16 May 1723.
- GUNN, RICHARD**, yeoman, of Neithrop. Alderman on replacement Corporation, Sep. 1688. Mar. 1) --- (bur. 15 Aug 1688); (2) Ann (bur 6 Jan 1699/1700); (3) 25 Apr 1701 Elizabeth Stockden (bur. 15 Sep 1713). Bur. 1 Sep 1720. PCB.
- HADLEY, HUMFREY**. Chamberlain, 1587-8, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Auditor, 1590-1, 1591-2, 1593-4, 1595-6. **Bailiff**, 1596-7. Poor loan, 1597/8. Bur. 22 May 1601. PCB 64. See Pedigree 10.
- Hadley, Richard**. Bapt. 28 July 1594 son of Edward. Tithingman, 1628-9, 1629-30; Constable, ?1631-2. Bur. 1 Nov 1631. Will, PCC.
- Hake, Thomas**. Tollgatherer, 1588-9; (for the sheepmarket) 1591-2. Bur. 22 Dec 1596.
- HALHED, HENRY**, draper. Freeman, 1554. Alderman, pre-1565 to death. **Bailiff**, 1565-6. Auditor, 1567-8. Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 15 Dec 1588. Will, PCC and PCB. Ref. under Charity Decree, 1602-3. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, HENRY**, woollendraper. Bapt. 13 Sep 1577 son of William and Alice. Survey, 1606. Constable, 1609-10. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3. Refs. in accounts, 1611-2, 1614-5. Burgess from 1618, Alderman from 1627 to 1631. Auditor, 1618-9, 1624-5. Bridgemaster, 1620-3. **Fire relief**, 1628. **Mayor**, 1630-1. Emigrated to Providence Island. Mar. 14 Sep 1600 Elizabeth Yewicke. See Pedigrees 3, 8.
- HALHED, JOHN**. Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. Chamberlain, 1604-5, 1605-6. Survey, 1606. Assistant, 1608 (Charter). Bur. 5 Dec 1611. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, RICHARD**, woollendraper. Bapt. 12 July 1602 son of Thomas and Joyce. Tithingman, 1630-1, 1631-2; Constable, 1632-3. Burgess from 1633; Alderman from 1642 to death. Auditor, 1634-6, 1640-2, 1649-51, 1660-2. Bridgemaster, 1637-9, 1657-9. **Mayor**, 1646-7, 1662-3. Ref. in accounts, 1636-7 (rent for butt-yard in Newland). Loans, 1641-2, 1660-1, 1661-2, 1667-8. Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6 (refs. to house in Sheep Street occupied by father and uncle). Justice of the Peace at death. Bur. 4 June 1669. See Pedigree 3.
- Halhed, Richard**, cooper. Bapt. 11 Feb 1661/2 son of William and Mary. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 3 Nov 1737). Died c.1683-5. ?PCB, 1683; will, PCC 1685. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, THOMAS**, "the elder", woollendraper. Son of Henry (d.1588). Petition, 1590. Refs. in accounts, 1596-7, 1603-4, 1605-6. Poor loan, 1597/8. Constable, 1604-5. Borough boundary, 1605-6. Survey, 1606. Alderman, pre-1606, 1608 (Charter), to death. **Bailiff**, 1606-7. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Bur. 21 Aug 1620. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, THOMAS**, "the younger", woollendraper. Bapt. 31 July 1575 son of William and Alice. Charity decree, 1602-3. Survey, 1606. Assistant, 1608 (Charter). Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1617/8. Burgess from 1613, Alderman by 1618 to death. Auditor, 1613-5, 1621-3, 1629-31. Bridgemaster, 1616-7, 1617-8, 1625-6. **Mayor**, 1618-9, 1628-9. Refs. in accounts (for Drapers' Company), 1620-1, 1621-2. Justice of the Peace, 1631-2, 1633-4. Mar. Joyce (bur. 18 Feb 1658/9, PCC). Bur. 29 Mch 1639. PCB 373. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, THOMAS**. Bapt. 20 July 1606 son of Thomas and Joyce. Tithingman, 1637-8, 1638-9; Constable, 1639-40, 1640-1. Burgess from 1641-2. Alderman by 1650, to 1661-2. Auditor, 1641-3, 1645-9, 1651-3, 1656-8. **Mayor**, 1650-1. Bridgemaster, 1659-61. Memos. 1641-2, 1661-2. Loans, 1641-2, 1660-1, 1661-2. Sheep-pen dispute 1655-6. Ref. in accounts 1662-3. Mar. Mary. Died c.1661-2. See Pedigree 3.

- HALHEAD, THOMAS.** Bapt. 12 Sep 1641 son of Thomas and Mary. Burgess 1672-3 to 1680-1. Ref. in accounts, 1676-7. Auditor, 1675-7. Bridgmaster, 1679-81. Mar. --- (bur. ?16 Dec 1728). Bur. ?14 July 1686. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHED, WILLIAM.** Town Warden, 1573-4. Quit rent, 1586. Auditor, 1587-8, 1588-9, 1591-2, 1594-5. **Bailiff, 1589-90.** Petition, 1590. Corporation refs., 1591-2, 1597/8. Poor loan, 1597/8. Mem. re charities, 1598-9. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600 (then blind). Lease of tenement in Colebar Street, 1603 (from 1598). Bur. 21 July 1602. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 3.
- HALHEAD, WILLIAM,** woollendrapier. Bapt. 28 Apr 1639 son of Richard (d. 1669). Tithingman, 1659-60, 1660-1; Constable, 1661-2, 1662-3. Assistant 1661-2. Burgess from 1662-3 to death. Mar. (1) 28 Mch 1659 Mary dau. of William Whately. dec'd. (bur. 22 June 1660); (2) ? Bur. 15 Sep 1666. Will, PCC. See Ped. 3.
- Hall, Anthony,** apothecary. Bapt. 19 June 1579 at South Newington son of Anthony and Anne (Oxon. Vistn., 271). Tithingman, 1616-7; Constable, 1618-9, 1619-20. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Mem., 1628-9. Mar. 23 Sep 1612 Deborah dau. of William Knight (bur. 3 Nov 1627). Bur. 10 Oct 1645. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1,7.
- HALL, ANTHONY,** mercer. Bapt. 23 July 1600 at South Newington, son of Richard and Isabell (Oxon. Vistn., 271). Tithingman, 1632-3, 1633-4; Constable, 1641-2, 1646-7. Burgess, 1649 to death. Mar. 28 Oct 1630 Abigail dau. of Organ Nicholes. Bur. 9 Sep 1652. See Pedigree 7.
- Hall, John,** baker, of the Altar Stone. Taster, 1617-8, 1618-9. Constable, 1633-4. Mar. (1) 22 Oct 1617 Joan Renolds (bur. 24 Apr 1637); (2) ?18 May 1637 Mary Scott. Bur. 6 May 1644. Will, PCC.
- HALL, JOHN,** baker. ?Bapt. 3 Oct 1641 son of Richard. Tithingman, 1677-8. Burgess 1691. Auditor, 1691-2. Bur. 7 Dec 1691. PCB.
- HALL, SAMUEL.** Tithingman, 1652-3; Constable, 1661-2. Burgess from 1661-2. Alderman from c.1666-7 to 1683-4. Bridgmaster, 1668-9, 1677-9. **Mayor, 1670-1.** Auditor, 1672-76, 1678-82. Bur. 21 Jan 1688/9.
- HAMS, JOHN,** baker. ?Bapt. 17 Aug 1610 son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1642-3; Constable, 1643-4, 1644-5. Burgess from 1649. Alderman before 1658, to death. Auditor, 1648-50, 1653-5, 1660-2, 1666-8. **Mayor, 1658-9, 1669-70.** Bridgmaster, 1663-5. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2, 1667-8. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. (1) Mary (bur. 29 June 1641); (2) Ann (bur. 13 June 1655). Bur. 6 July 1680. Will, PCC.
- Hams, John,** tobacco-pipe-maker. Son of John, slatter, and Ann (ref. in will). Constable, 1680-1, 1681-2, 1682-3. Bur. 22 Feb 1683/4. PCB.
- Hams, Joseph,** tallow-chandler. Bapt. 2 Apr 1645 son of John and Anne. Tithingman, 1669-70; Constable, 1672-3, 1673-4. Assistant, 1683-4. Mar. Hannah (bur. 23 Aug 1723). Bur. 3 Mch 1707/8. Will, PCC.
- HANCOKE, WILLIAM.** Town Warden, 1562-3, 1563-4, 1565-6. Ref. to house in 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Bur. 23 July 1577 or 31 Dec 1588.
- HARRIS, TIMOTHY.** Bapt. 31 Jan 1622/3 at Hanwell, son of Dr Robert Harris. Town Clerk, 1652-3 (fee farm rents) to death. Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6. Mar. Elizabeth dau. of Ambrose Holbech of Mollington (Baker, "Northamptonshire", 674). Bur. 13 June 1659. M.I. See Pedigree 2.
- HARTLETT or HARTLEY, JOHN.** Alderman, 1554 (Charter), 1565-6. Ref. in accounts, 1555-6; and to house, 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Auditor, 1564-5, 1568-9, 1569-70, 1570-1. **Bailiff, 1567-8** (and before 1565-6). Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 13 Mch 1584/5.
- Hartlett, William,** shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1624-5, 1625-6. Bur. 14 Nov 1647.
- HARVEY, ANDREW,** tanner. Born c.1617 (aged 40 in 1657/8). Tithingman, 1652-3, 1653-4; Constable, 1654-5, 1655-6 (sheep-pen dispute). Assistant, 1661-2. Burgess, 1662-3; Alderman from c.1668-9 to 1689 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Bridgmaster, 1668-9, 1681-3. Auditor, 1669-71, 1683-5, 1688-90. **Mayor, 1672-3, 1685-6.** Continued ...

- HARVEY, ANDREW**, continued. Survey, 1653 (Sheep Street). Loan, 1685-6. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. Abigail Hall (bur. 2 July 1676). Bur. 27 Mch 1693 (in the church). Will, PCC. See Pedigree 11.
- Harvey, Andrew**, tanner. Bapt. 9 Feb 1644/5 son of Andrew and Abigail. Constable, 1674-5. See Pedigree 11.
- Harvey, James**, butcher. Bapt. 12 Mch 1615/6 son of Richard and Catherine. Taster, 1671-2, 1673-5, 1677-9. Mar.(1) 29 Nov 1663 Alice Grant (bur. 18 Apr 1665); (2) 15 Jan 1670/1 Martha Barnes.
- Harvey, James**, mercer. Bapt. 29 Jan 1653/4 son of Andrew and Abigail. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80. Mar. Julia (bur. 22 Feb 1711/2. PCB). Bur. 24 Nov 1708. PCB.
- HARVEY, MALACHI**, tanner. Son of Andrew and Abigail. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5, 1685-6. Burgess from 1690-1. Alderman, 18c. Mem. 1698. Auditor, 1705-6. Bridgemaster, 1707-9. Chamberlain, 1709-11. **Mayor, 1709-10.** Mar.(1) Katrine (bur. 7 July 1696); (2) 18 July 1698 Lucy Bennet, wid.(bur. 31 July 1719). Bur. 22 Mch 1717/8. PCB. See Pedigree 11.
- Harvey, Richard**. Ref. in accounts, 1607-8. Taster, 1624-5, 1625-6, 1627-8, 1631-2. Mar. Catherine.
- Harvey, Thomas**, butcher. Taster, 1649-50, 1666-7. Sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6. Mem. 1661-2. Bur. 7 Dec 1675.
- Harvey, William**, tanner. Bapt. 18 June 1643 son of Andrew and Abigail. Tithingman, 1669-70; Constable, 1670-1, 1671-2. Assistant, 1683-4. Mar. Jan 1668/9 Martha Hobell (bur. 1 Apr 1686). Will, PCB, 1691. See Pedigree 11.
- HASKER or HASKEY, JOHN**. Refs. in accounts, 1562-3, 1565-6, 1568-9. **Balliff, 1584-5.** Bur. 23 Mch 1586/7, "an old man". PCB.
- HATHAWAY, SIMON**. Chamberlain, 1584-5, 1585-6. Warden of town houses, 1586-7. Quit rent, 1586. Mem. re key to chest, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Member of Corporation, 1591-2, 1597-8. Poor loan, 1597/8. Ref. in accounts, 1605-6. Bur. 2 May 1607. PCB 96. See Pedigree 12.
- Hawes, John**. Born c.1614 (aged 43 in 1657/8). Sergeant at Mace, 1655-6 (sheep-pen dispute), 1661-2, and at death. Mar. ? 1 Oct 1651 Mary Goodwin (?bur. 29 Nov 1682) Mem. re rent, 1670-1; ref. in accounts, 1672-3. Bur. 23 Apr 1670. PCB.
- Hawes, Rowland**. Bapt. 14 Feb 1601/2 son of Robert. Tithingman, 1641-2, 1642-3; Constable, 1644-5, 1648-9, 1653-4. Induction of Vicar, 1648-9. Mem. 1661-2. Bur. 27 Apr 1660. Will, PCC.
- HAWKINS, WILLIAM**, mercer. Tithingman, 1626-7, 1627-8; Constable, 1631-2, 1633-4. Burgess by 1643-4. Alderman by 1652, to death. Auditor, 1642-4, 1646-8. **Mayor, 1652-3.** Survey, 1653 (Mayor's Parlour). Mar. 7 Nov 1622 Israell Bentley (bur. 4 Aug 1676. PCB.) - Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Bur. 11 July 1656. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- HAWKINS, WILLIAM**. Bapt. 28 Jan 1626/7 son of William and Israell. Tithingman, 1657-8; Constable, 1659-60. Burgess, 1660-1 to 1667-8. Mem. 1661-2. Auditor, 1663-5. Bridgemaster, 1667-8. Mar. 1 Sep 1659 Ann dau. of Nathaniel Hill. See Pedigree 6.
- Hawtayne, Henry**, gent., of Calthorpe. Son of Gerrard and Margaret, of Easington. Survey, 1606 (lands in Calthorpe and Easington). Assistant to the Corporation, 1608 (Charter). Will, PCC, 1626. See Pedigree 5; Vistn. of Oxon, p.295.
- HAWTAINE, WILLIAM**. Tithingman, 1646-7, 1647-8 ("jun."); Constable, 1649-50, 1650-1. Burgess from 1658-9. Alderman from 1661-2 (temporarily removed 1687-8) to 1693. Auditor, 1659-61, 1663-5, 1667-80. Bridgemaster, 1661-3, 1675-7. **Mayor, 1666-7, 1682-3.** Mem. 1667-8. Assessor and Assizer, 1679-80. Justice of the Peace, 1683-4 (temporarily removed 1687-8) to death. Loan, 1685-6. Deputy Mayor, 1691-1694. Mar.(1) Joan (bur. 7 Aug 1654); (2) Feb 1656/7 Mary Vivers. Bur. 25 May 1697. PCB. See Pedigrees 5, 7.

- HAYNES, ANTHONY.** Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Auditor, 1723-4, 1730-1. Bur. 12 Sep 1735.
- Haynes, John,** shoemaker. Tithingman, 1630-1, 1631-2. Bur. 723 Dec 1671.
- HAYWARD, ROBERT,** yeoman. Freeman, 1554. Ref. in accounts, 1568-9. Alderman by 1583, to death. **Balliff, 1583-4.** Auditor, 1585-6. Quit rent, 1586. Mar. Lettice (bur. 5 Aug 1587). Bur. 23 Aug 1590. Will, PCC.
- Heele, John,** shoemaker. Bapt. 28 Apr 1605 son of John. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1632-4, 1637-9, 1641-2, 1652-4, 1660-1, 1663-5, 1666-7. Bur. 5 Dec 1686.
- Helmdon, Thomas,** butcher. Bapt. 15 Feb 1567/8 son of John and Isabell. Taster, 1620-1. Mar. Dorothy. Bur. 2 Feb 1627/8. PCB 299.
- HIBBERDINE, BENJAMIN,** apothecary. Son of Grevile and Jane. Tithingman, 1649-50, 1650-1; Constable, 1651-2, 1652-3. Burgess from 1658-9. Alderman by June 1660, to death. Auditor, 1659-63. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Mar. Ann (bur. 3 Nov 1660). Bur. 2 Feb 1662/3. Will, PCC, 1663.
- Hicks, George.** Constable, 1693-4.
- Higgins, Thomas.** Bapt. 13 Feb 1591/2 son of William. Beadle, 1630-34. Ref. in accounts, 1636-7. Bur. 27 Nov 1653.
- HILL, EPIPHANY.** Bapt. 6 Jan 1558/9. Quit rent, 1586. Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. Survey, 1606 (and Enshams). Constable, 1612-3. Mem. re loan, 1613-4. Burgess by 1617, Alderman by 1626, to 1639. Auditor, 1616-8. Bridgemaster, 1626-7. **Mayor, 1627-8.** Mar. 18 July 1586 Millicent Vivers (bur. 18 Aug 1646). ? Died c.1639. See Pedigrees 5, 6.
- Hill, Henry,** tanner. Bapt. 10 Jan 1607/8 son of Epiphany and Millicent. Tithingman 1636-7, 1637-8; Constable, 1639-40, 1640-1. Mar. 28 July 1634 Mary dau. of Andrew Annesley (mar.(2) Edward Vivers, bur. 31 May 1668). Bur. 25 Jan 1641/2. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 5.
- Hill, Henry.** Bapt. 9 July 1637 son of Henry. Tithingman, 1658-9, 1659-60; Constable, 1660-1.
- HILL, NATHANIEL,** tanner. Bapt. 15 Jan 1599/1600 son of Epiphany and Millicent. Constable, 1629-30. Burgess from 1629-30. Alderman from 1636-7 to 1666. Auditor, 1632-4, 1636-8, 1642-4, 1650-59. **Mayor, 1639-40, 1647-8, 1663-4.** Bridgemaster, 1641-3. Survey, 1653. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Justice of the Peace, 1662-3. Mar.(1) Ann dau. of James West (bur. 28 Dec 1641); (2) Jane (bur. 21 Sep 1657); (3) June 1666, Mary. Bur. 28 Nov 1679. PCB. See Pedigrees 5, 6.
- Hill, Richard.** ?Bapt. 7 June 1625 son of Richard and Grace. Tithingman, 1650-1, 1651-2. ?Bur. 15 Apr 1671. PCB.
- Holbech, Ambrose,** esquire, of Mollington, Farnborough and Radston. Assistant to Corporation, 1683-4. Died 2 Mch 1701. See Pedigree 2; Baker "Northants.", 674.
- Holloway, Thomas.** Assistant to the Corporation and Fellow of the Hospital, 1608.
- Holman, Sir John,** baronet, 1663, of Weston Favell. Son of Philip and Mary Holman of Warkworth. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1661-81. Assistant, 1683-4. Petitions to Parliament, 1680-1, 1691-2 (with ref. to 1661 election). Mar. Jane dau. of Samuel Fortrey. Alive in 1698, dead by 1704.
- HORNSLEY, ROBERT.** Alderman, 1554 (Charter). Ref. in accounts, 1555-6.
- Horseman, Ambrose,** maltster. Freedom, 1660-1. Tithingman, 1662-3, 1663-4; Constable, 1664-5. Assistant, 1683-4. Bur. 7 May 1684. PCB. See Pedigree 7.
- Horwood, Robert.** Freedom, 1600-1. Tithingman, 1696-7.
- HOWES, BENJAMIN,** of the Reindeer (1712/3) and Calthorpe (1718/9). Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1709-11. Auditor, 1711-2. **Mayor, 1712-3.** Mar.(1) Mary (bur. 2 Jan 1712/3); (2) 28 Sep 1714 Mary Paynter (bur. 23 Feb 1718/9, PCB). Bur. 15 Mch 1715/6.

- Howes, John**, Vicar of Banbury, 1639-1641. Inducted 26 June 1639 (under 1638-9). Involved in dispute with Lord Saye and Sele and Banbury puritans, and summoned before the House of Lords, Dec 1640 (Beesley, pp.296-8). Mem. 1641-2 (re loan).
- Huckell, Thomas**. Mem. 1621/2. Estreats, 1624-5, 1627-8, 1629-30, 1638-9. Sergeant at Mace, 1626-7, 1628-9, 1630-1, 1632-3, 1633-4, 1637-8, and at death. Taster of victuals, 1646-9. Mar. (1) Elizabeth (bur. 7 May 1631); (2) 4 Dec 1631 Mary Bently (bur. 23 Mch 1638/9); (3) 4 July 1639 Margaret Bury (bur. 5 Aug 1645). Bur. 14 Aug 1654.
- Ingram, William**. Bapt. 12 July 1640 son of William. Taster, 1666-7, 1668-71. Bur. 22 Feb 1672/3.
- Isaacson, James**. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1698. Assistant, 1699. Petition to Privy Council, 1699.
- Jackman, Josiah**, mercer. Born c.1619 (aged 38 in 1657/8). Survey, 1653 (North Bar). Sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6. Constable, 1657-8, 1658-9. Bur. 26 Feb 1697/8 (poor).
- JACKSON, ROGER**, blacksmith. Burgess, 1554. Thomas son of John Collins apprenticed to, 1554-5. Chamberlain, 1554-5, 1555-6. Signed orders, 1557-8. Ref. to standing in market (Orders and Pains), 1653-4. Alderman by 1568, to death. **Bailiff**, 1568-9. Auditor, 1572-3. Bur. 22 Feb 1585/6.
- Jordan, Thomas**. Bapt. 20 Jan 1599/1600 son of Clement. Taster, 1650-62. Mar. 6 Oct 1625 Dorothy Briggs (bur. 14 Oct 1659). Bur. 26 Oct 1666.
- Judd, Thomas**. Bapt. 25 July 1619 son of Anthony and Joane of Neithrop. Tithingman, 1644-5.
- JUGGES or TUGGES, JOHN**. Burgess, 1554. Will, PCC, 1555.
- Kendall, Timothy**. Ref. in accounts, 1605-6. Tithingman, 1606-7. Mar. 4 Feb 1604/5 Katherine Edon (1613/4 Corporation loan). Will, 1612, PCB 135.
- Kenning, John**, mason. Bapt. 10 Dec 1637 son of John and Alice. Tithingman, 1672-3, 1673-4; Constable 1674-5, 1675-6. Mem. 1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds of Harding's money). Mar. 6 Dec 1671 Sarah Mason. Bur. 11 Apr 1704 ('sen.'). PCB.
- Kenning, John**, stone-carver. Bapt. 2 Sep 1677 son of John. Auditor, 1714. Bur. 5 Dec 1747. Will, PCC.
- Key, Richard**. Ref. in accounts, 1675-6. Tithingman, 1677-8. Mar. 29 Dec 1650 Ann White. Bur. 16 Mch 1683/4.
- Keynton, Thomas**, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1613-4, 1614-5, 1616-7. Town rents, 1616/7 (St. John's). Mar. 24 Nov 1588 Elizabeth Horwood. Bur. 4 Aug 1618. PCB 203.
- Kimbell, John**, labourer. Bapt. 4 June 1648 son of Thomas (or 1651, son of Samuel). Tithingman, 1676-7. Bur. 11 July 1690. PCB.
- Kinch, Robert**. Sergeant at Mace, 1608-30 (refs. most years). Bur. 7 Mch 1632/3.
- King, Henry**, baker. Tithingman, 1658-9, 1659-60. Mem. 1674-5 (bond of Harding's money). Mar. 2 Mch 1654 Margaret Claridge (bur. 1 Nov 1691; PCB) - Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Oken's money). Bur. 5 June 1685.
- King, John**. Freedom, 1625-6. Fire relief, 1628. Tithingman, 1642-3; Constable, 1643-4. Wool-wearer in sheep/wool market, 1655-6 (sheep-pens dispute). Mar. 18 May 1632 Katherine Bently (bur. 4 June 1632). Bur. 29 Dec 1673.
- King, Robert**, mercer. Tithingman, 1606-7; Constable, 1616-7, 1617-8. Ref. in accounts, 1618-9, 1621-2. Bur. 6 July 1638.
- Knight, Bezaleel**. Born 1660, son of William (d.1672). Assistant, 1683-4. See Pedigree 1; C&CH II,10, p.162; III,4, p.65.

- KNIGHT, JOHN**, 'the elder', baker. ?Freeman, 1554. ?Burgess, 1557-8 (signing orders). Alderman by 1566, to death. Chamberlain, 1561-4. **Bailiff, 1566-7, 1572-3, 1586-7** (3 times Bailiff, M.I.). Auditor, ?1569-70, ?1573-4, 1583-4. Town warden, ?1573-4, 1583-4, 1584-5, 1585-6. Quit rent, 1586. Mar. Joan (bur. 29 Dec 1590. Will, PCC) - ref. under Charity Decree, 1602-3. Bur. 25 Nov 1587. M.I. Will, PCC. Later refs., re charities, 1598-9, under Charity Decree, 1602-3; Survey, 1606 (St. John's Street). See Pedigrees 1, 2.
- KNIGHT, JOHN**, mercer. ?Freeman, 1554. ?Burgess, 1557-8 (signing orders). Chamberlain, 1561-2, 1565-6. Warden of Town Houses, 1561, 1562, ?1565-6, ?1573-4. Possibly **Bailiff, 1566-7, 1571-2**. Auditor, ?1569-70, ?1573-4. Except when they are differentiated by their trades it is difficult to know which of these two men, the baker and the mercer, is referred to in the period pre-1574.
- Knight, John**, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1642-45. Taster of victuals, 1647-51. Bur. 30 Sep 1651.
- Knight, John**, Vicar of Banbury, 1677-1701. Born c.1652 son of William, of Staple-grove, Som. B.A.: M.A.(1675), Oxford. Also Rector of Tusmore, 1683; of Broughton, 1693-1704. D.D., 1698. Assistant to the Corporation (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Refs. in accounts, 1684-5 (to 1686/?), 1686-7 (to 1687/8). Letter to Lord Saye and Sele, 1700. Mar. 1688/9 Hannah dau. of Col. John Fiennes. Died 6 June 1704 (at Broughton), M.I.
- KNIGHT, MATTHEW**, mercer. Born c.1544 (aged 60 in 1604). Warden of Town Houses, 1583-6, 1587-8, 1589-90, 1591-2. Constable, 1587-8. Auditor, 1589-90, 1591-3, 1595-6. Petition, 1590. **Bailiff, 1594-5**. Poor loan, 1597/8. Mem. re charities, 1598-9. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Survey, 1606 (Barkhill; North Bar). See Pedigree 5.
- KNIGHT, WILLIAM**. Bapt. 14 Nov 1558. Son of John and Joan. Merton College, Oxford, 1577 aged 18. Inner Temple, 1581. Quit rent, 1586. Justice of the Peace, refs. in 1588-9, 1591-2, 1597-8, 1608 (Charter), 1627-8 (fire appeal). Auditor, 1588-9, 1589-90, 1593-4, 1597-8, 1604-5. Petition, 1590. Warden of Town Houses, 1594-5. **Bailiff, 1595-6, 1600-1**. Poor loan, 1597/8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Refs. in accounts, 1601-2, 1602-3, 1606-7, 1611-2. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Lease of tenements in Sheep Street and Sugar Bar Street, 1603. Borough boundary (juror) 1605-6. Survey, 1606. Assistant and Fellow of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter). Chamberlain from 1608 (Charter) to 1627-8. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Town rents, 1616/7 (Sheep Street). Town Clerk, 1617/8. Mem. and letter to Privy Council, 1630-1. Mar. Elizabeth Phenice (see Pedigree 1)(bur. 6 Apr 1629). Bur. 19 Sep 1631. M.I. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 7.
- Knollys, Sir William**, Baron Knollys of Greys (1603), Earl of Banbury (1625). Chief or High Steward, 1608 (Charter). Ref. to death, 1632, on election of successor. Died 1632. See D.N.B.; Complete Peerage.
- Knottesford, Nicholas**. Tithingman, 1660-1, 1661-2; Constable, 1662-3, 1663-4. Election of parish clerk, 1664-5. Assistant, 1683-4. Mar. 7 Dec 1655 Ann Steuart, wid. (bur. 16 Mch 1700/1).
- Lamprey, Robert**, joiner. Taster, 1625-6, 1628-9, 1629-30. Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 17 Jan 1646/7.
- LANGHAM, EDWARD**. Ref. in accounts, 1627-8. Tithingman, 1631-2, 1632-3; Constable, 1633-4, 1634-5. Burgess from 1652 to 1658-9. Auditor, 1651-59. Mar. Hanna (bur. 8 May 1671).
- Langham, John**. Tithingman, 1657-8.
- Langham, Samuel**. Bapt. 26 Aug 1632 son of Edward and Hanna. Constable, 1658-9. Mar. Ann (bur. 2 Sep 1660).
- LANGSTON, JOHN**. Alderman on replacement Corporation, Sep. 1688.

- Lawrence, Timothy.** Bapt. 7 May 1615 son of John and Joyce. Constable, 1662-3, 1663-4. Assistant, 1662-3, 1683-4. Mar. 26 Sep 1640 Susan Carter. Bur. 6 Nov 1691.
- Leaver, William,** pinmaker. Bapt. 30 July 1656 son of Richard. Constable, 1680-1, 1681-2, 1682-3. Mar.(1) Elizabeth (bur. 27 Nov 1682); (2) Elizabeth (bur. 1 Sep 1708). Bur. 16 Sep 1733.
- Leech, Robert.** Tithingman, 1613-4, 1614-5. Mar. 6 Nov 1609 Ursula Halhed (bur. 28 Nov 1617). See Pedigree 3.
- Lenthall, William.** Born June 1591 at Henley, son of William. Speaker of the House of Commons. Recorder of Banbury, 1651-2. Died 3 Sep 1662 at Burford. See D.N.B.
- LOCKWOOD, HENRY.** Constable, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Corporation, 1591-2, 1592-3, 1597-8. Ref. in accounts, 1595-6. Poor loan, 1597/8. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Bur. 21 Dec 1610. PCB 113.
- LONGE, JOHN.** Alderman, 1554 (Charter), 1557-8, 1565-6. **Bailiff, 1555-6, 1563-4.** Auditor, 1561-2, 1564-5, 1567-8. Ref. to house, 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Mar. --- (ref. in accounts, 1570-1). Bur. 27 July 1571. Will, PCC. See Ped. 5.
- Longe, Robert,** silkweaver. Bapt. 2 Nov 1617 son of William. Tithingman, 1652-3, 1653-4; Constable, 1654-5. Sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6. Election of parish clerk, 1664-5. Assistant, 1683-4. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 11 Mch 1684/5). Bur. 8 Sep 1696. See Pedigree 5.
- LONGE, THOMAS.** ?Freeman, 1554. Corporation by 1586-7. Auditor, 1586-7, 1590-1, 1591-2. Quit rent, 1586. **Bailiff, 1588-9.** Petition, 1590. Corporation, 1597-8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Ref. in accounts, 1603-4. Survey, 1606 (Barkhill). ?ref. to house, 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Mar. 4 Nov 1577 Joan widow of John Vivers. ?bur. 29 June 1625. See Pedigree 5.
- Long, William.** Bapt. 10 Apr 1590 son of Thomas. Ref. in accounts, 1620-1. Tithingman, 1622-3. Mar. 26 Jul/1 Aug 1613 Margaret Middlebrook (bur. 3 Dec 1627); (2)?Alice (bur. 22 Sep 1643). Bur.?Sep 1644. See Pedigree 5.
- Lord, Abraham,** goldsmith. Tithingman, 1661-2, 1662-3. Assistant, 1662-3. Constable, 1663-4, 1664-5. Bur. 10 Jan 1665/6. PCB.
- LORD, JOHN.** Burgess, 1554. Alderman at death. Town Warden, 1562-3, 1563-4, 1565-6. Bur. 18 Nov 1580.
- Lord, Obadiah.** Tithingman, 1635-6, 1636-7; Constable, 1637-8, 1646-7.
- Loveling, Benjamin,** Vicar of Banbury, 1704-1717. Born c.1673 son of William, of Castle Martin, Pems. B.A., Lincoln Coll., Oxford. M.A., Clare Coll., Cambridge, 1697. Refs. in accounts, as auditor, 1706, 1708, 1710, 1714. Rector of Pangbourne, Berks., 1717-1726/7. Died 1726/7.
- Lovell, Richard,** shoemaker or cordwainer. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1661-2, 1662-3. Tithingman, 1668-9; Constable, 1669-70. Mar. 17 Aug 1657 Katherine More. Bur. 12 Apr 1679. PCB.
- Lovett, John.** Steward of Banbury, 1554. Freeman, 1554. Refs. in accounts, 1555-6, 1568-9.
- LUCAS, HENRY,** barber, surgeon. Constable, 1680-1, 1681-2, 1682-3. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1705-6. Auditor, 1709-10, 1711-2. **Mayor, 1710-1.** Mar. Alice (bur. 23 Sep 1696). Bur. 7 Aug 1721. Will, PCC.
- Luckock, Richard.** Searcher and sealer of leather, 1612-5. Petition, 1590. Bur. 25 May 1616.
- LUT(T)ER, JOHN.** Alderman, 1554 (Charter). Ref. in accounts 155-6; and under Fee Farm, 1649-50. ?Bur. 17 Jan 1585/6, 'an old man'.

- MAN, EDWARD**, yeoman. Bapt. 15 Jan 1558/9. Poor loan, 1597/8. Constable 1603-4 (ref. under 1604-5). Ref. in accounts, 1605-6. Survey, 1606 (Shop Row/High St.; North Bar). Chamberlain, 1606-7, 1607-8. Assistant, 1608 (Charter). Wool Market loan, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Burgess by 1621-2 to death. Auditor, 1626-8. Mar. Millicent. Bur. 3 Sep 1629. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 12.
- Maunder, George**, chandler. Bapt. 22 Mch 1600/1 son of William and Catherine. Tithingman, 1644-5; Constable, 1649-50 (mercier). Mar. Katherine. Bur. 20 Jan 1671/2. PCB.
- Mander, Thomas**, chandler. Bapt. 19 Mch 1636/7 son of William and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1666-7. Memos. 1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds of Harding's money). Mar. 30 May 1665 Constance Hawkins, wid. (bur. 15 Apr 1692). Bur. 18 May 1696. PCB.
- MANDER, THOMAS**, tallow-chandler. Bapt. 23 Feb 1667/8 son of Thomas and Constance. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1713-8. Auditor, 1720-1. Bur. 7 Jan 1739/40. PCB.
- Mander, William**. Tithingman, 1612-3, 1613-4. Constable, 1616-7. Mar. Catherine. Bur. 1 Apr 1639, 'the elder'. Will, PCC.
- Maunder, William**, tallowchandler. Bapt. 16 July 1604 son of William and Catherine. Tithingman, 1646-7, 1647-8, 1648-9; Constable, 1649-50. Survey, 1653 (Shambles). Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 18 Oct 1649). Bur. 7 May 1663. Will, PCC.
- March, William**, innholder, from the Bear. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5, 1685-6. Mar. 8 Aug 1681 Hannah or Ann Hammond, wid. (bur. 6 Jan 1709/10). Bur. 26 Jan 1711/2. Will, PCC.
- Mason, Thomas**, mercier. Bapt. 26 Sep 1652 son of Robert, of London. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80. Bur. 10 June 1681. PCB.
- MAWLE, JOSEPH**, goldsmith. Tithingman, 1675-6, 1676-7, 1677-8. Assistant, 1683-4. Burgess by 1685-6 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Alderman by death. Loan, 1685-6. Auditor, 1686-8. Ref. in accounts, 1690-1. Bridgemaster, 1691-3. Mar. (1) Sarah (bur. 18 Apr 1682); (2) 21 Oct 1686 Ann Rennols (bur. 6 Feb 1693/4). Bur. 30 Dec 1699. PCB. See Pedigree 8.
- MERICKE, ROLAND**. Burgess by 1571-2. Auditor, 1571-2, 1584-5, 1585-6. Alderman by 1573-4, to death. **Bailiff, 1573-4**. Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 14 Feb 1587/8. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 9.
- Metcalfe als Abraham, Thomas**, apothecary. Tithingman, 1662-3; Constable, 1664-5. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 9 Aug 1695; PCC; M.I.). Bur. 8 Sep 1677. M.I. Will, PCC.
- Metcalfe als Abraham, Thomas**, apothecary. Assistant, 1683-4. Bur. 19 June 1713. Will, PCC.
- Middlebrooke, Robert**. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Bridgemaster, 1603-4, 1606-7. Lease, 1616-7. Mar. (1) Ann (bur. 7 Dec 1614); (2) Joan (bur. 22 May 1625). Bur. 29 May 1636. See Pedigree 5.
- Middleton, Henry**, baker. Bapt. 2 Oct 1637 son of Thomas and Ann. Tithingman, 1666-7. Mar. 4 Jan 1661/2 Hannah Wilson. Bur. 28 July 1691. Will, PCC.
- Middleton, Thomas**, baker/butcher. Taster of victuals, 1614-28, 1633-4, 1639-40. Tithingman, 1628-9, 1629-30, 1630-1; Constable, 1632-3. Mar. (1) 3 Nov 1606 Pernell Proffett; (2) 28 Nov 1618 Ann Heritage (or 15 Jan 1621/2 Ann Furins). Bur. 26 Oct 1644. PCB 394.
- Middleton, Thomas**, butcher. Bapt. 3 Feb 1644/5 son of Thomas. Taster, 1670-1. Bur. 10 Feb 1670/1. PCB.
- MILLER, SANDERSON**, mercier. Bapt. 16 Sep 1673 at Buckingham, son of John and Margaret. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1705-6. **Mayor, 1707-8**. Moved to Radway, c.1714. Mar. 9 Dec 1696 Mary dau. of John Welchman. Bur. 21 June 1737 at Radway. See Pedigrees 5, 6; C&CH, IV, 6 (Winter 1969), 'Sanderson Miller of Radway', Anthony C. Wood, pp.79-81.

Mitchell, Thomas. Constable, 1685-6, 1686-7, 1687-8. Mar. 17 Dec 1684 Elizabeth Ward.

Mole, George, esquire. Assistant to the Corporation, 1608 (Charter).

MORE, RICHARD. Burgess, 1554 (Charter). Refs. in accounts, 1556-7, 1566-7. Signed orders, 1557-8. Auditor, 1564-5, 1565-6. Alderman pre-1565-6, to death. **Balliff, pre-1565-6** (Visitation). ?Mar. 26 Oct 1562 Annys Friste. Bur. 25 May 1573.

Morton, Thomas, esquire. Assistant to the Corporation, 1683-4.

MOSELEY, GEORGE, baker. Bapt. 20 Nov 1574 son of Valentine. Ref. in accounts, 1597-8. Constable, 1603-4 (ref. under 1604-5). Burgess, 1608 (Charter) to death. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612. Auditor, 1612-3. Overseer of the Poor, 1612-3. Mar. 31 Mch 1600 Joyce Youick (bur. 26 Sep 1616. Will PCC) - Corporation loan, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Bur. 25 Dec 1612. Will, PCC (house called "the Lyon"). See Pedigree 12.

Naylor, Bartholomew, cutler. Bapt. 7 Oct 1558. Petition, 1590. Tithingman, 1591-2. Refs. in accounts, 1600-1, 1604-5, 1611-2 (dressing armour), 1614-5, 1615/6 (dressing armour), 1620-1. Constable, 1602-3 (ref. under 1604-5). Survey, 1606 (Bark-hill Street; Enshams). Borough boundary, 1605-6 (juror). Assistant, 1608 (Charter). Wool Market loan, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Will, PCB 294 (1628).

Neale, Robert, mason. Bapt. 8 Nov 1607 son of Thomas and Elizabeth. Taster, 1632-3, 1636-7. Mar. Frances. Bur. 4 July 1644.

Newland, John. Freedom, 1619-20. ?Taster, 1624-5. Constable, 1629-30, 1630-1, 1632-3. Mar. Julian (bur. 27 Aug 1643). Bur. 6 Sep 1643.

Newman, Benjamin. Bapt. 7 Feb 1630/1 son of Thomas and Anna. Tithingman, 1658-9, 1659-60; Constable, 1660-1, 1661-2. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Oken's money). Mar. 1658/9 Mary Hill (bur. 18 June 1698). Bur. 5 Jan 1700/1. See Pedigree 10.

Newman, John, shoemaker. Bapt. 12 Apr 1595 son of Richard and Elizabeth. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1630-2, 1635-6(?). Mar. (1) Ann Tims; (2) 15 July 1634, Christian Richards. Bur. 17 Feb 1636/7. PCB 356. See Pedigree 10.

Newman, Richard, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1618-9. Mar. Elizabeth widow of - Sheldricke. Bur. 25 Feb 1618/9. PCB 210. See Pedigree 10.

Newman, Samuel, shoemaker. Bapt. 14 July 1633 son of Thomas and Anna. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1658-9. Mar. 9 Oct 1661 Mary Knight (bur. 9 Feb 1703/4). Bur. 5 Feb 1711/2, 'senior'. See Pedigree 10.

Newman, Thomas, shoemaker. Bapt. 6 May 1599 son of Richard and Elizabeth. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1633-4, 1635-7, 1640-2, 1646-8, 1649-50, 1652-4. Mar. 25 July 1627 Anna Webb (bur. 13 June 1674). Bur. 2 Jan 1655/6. See Pedigree 10.

NICOLLS, GEORGE. Bapt. 4 Sep 1560(?) son of Thomas and Margaret. Tithingman, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Burgess by 1592-3, Alderman by 1604-5 (and in Charter, 1608). Chamberlain, 1592-8. Poor loan, 1597/8. Auditor, 1599-1600. Refs. in accounts, 1600-1, 1609-10. **Balliff, 1604-5** (ref. under 1605-6); **Mayor, 1608-9.** Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter). Wool Market loan, 1610/1. Corporation loan, 1612, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619-20. Mar. (1) 11 July 1586 Elizabeth Walles (bur. 7 Jan 1598/9); (2) Anne - Corporation loan, 1612/3; Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge North). Bur. 9 Apr 1611. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 4.

NICOLLES, JOHN. Bapt. ?25 Nov 1566 son of Thomas. Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. Burgess by 1597-8. Alderman by 1605-6, to death. Chamberlain, 1598-1601. Auditor, 1602-3, 1606-7, 1609-10, 1612-20, 1626-8. In occupation (with others) of messuage in Sheep Street, 1603. **Balliff, 1605-6; Mayor, 1614-5, 1624-5.** Bridgemaster, 1608-9, 1611-2, 1613/4, 1618-20. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Refs. in accounts 1607-8, 1611-2, 1623-4. Overseer of the Poor, 1612-3. Town rents, 1616/7 (Horsemarket). Justice of the Peace 1627-8 (Fire Appeal).

- NICOLLES, JOHN**, contd. Mar.(1) 1 July 1591 Anne Fryar (bur. 16 May 1611); (2) Anne (bur. 18 Feb 1620/1); (3) 8 Sep 1630 Mary widow of John Pym (bur. 25 Mch 1639, PCC). Bur. 22 Feb 1630/1. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 4.
- NICHOLLS** als **NIX, ORGAN**. Constable, 1618-9. Burgess by 1629-30. Alderman, 1639-40 to 1651-2. Auditor, 1630-2, 1638-40, 1642-4, 1648-50. **Mayor, 1641-2**. Loan, 1641-2. Sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6. Mar.(1) 29 Jan 1607/8 Margaret Hartley (bur. 3 Mch 1634/5); (2) 18 Oct 1640 Joan Wise. See Pedigree 7.
- Nicholes, Samuel**. Bapt. 2 Mch 1620/1 son of Organ. Tithingman, 1650-1, 1651-2. Mar. 24 June 1645 Margaret King (bur. 19 Dec 1683). Bur. 17 Apr 1674. PCB.
- NICOLLES, THOMAS**. Freeman, 1554. Ref. to home, 1563-4 (Orders and Pains). Town Warden, 1570-3. Alderman at death. Mar. ---; Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 12 Jan 1581/2. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 4.
- Nicholls, Thomas**, shoemaker. Baptised 3 May 1645 son of Gamaliel and Margaret. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1669-70. Mem. 1674-5 (bond of Harding's money). Bur. 10 Apr 1695, 'poor'.
- Nicholls** als **Nix, Thomas**, attorney. Assistant to Corporation, 1683-4. Mar. Aug 1669 Elizabeth Downes (bur. 14 Sep 1715; Will, PCC). Bur. 19 Dec 1703. Will, PCC, 1704. See Pedigree 4.
- NICHOLLES, WILLIAM**. Son of Thomas and Margaret. Quit rent, 1586. Petition, 1590. On Corporation and Chamberlain, 1590-3. Poor loan, 1597-8. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Survey, 1606 (Birchley Street). Mar. 22 May 1581 Elizabeth Hall. Bur. 26 Oct 1606. PCC (admon.). See Pedigree 4.
- Norbury, Robert**. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1672-94. Mems. 1674-5 (bond for Brightwell's money) and 1687-8 (bonds for Oken's and Brightwell's money). Mar. Aug 1658 Ann Watts (bur. 21 Feb 1698/9). Bur. 1 Oct 1703, 'poor'.
- Norman, Richard**. Bapt. 9 Aug 1584 son of Thomas and Elizabeth. Taster, 1620-1.
- NORRES, JOHN**. Freeman, 1554. Burgess by 1557-8 (signs orders); Alderman by 1562-3, to death. **Balliff, 1562-3**. Visitation, 1565-6. Mar. 20 Nov 1558 Elizabeth (bur. 18 Jan 1591/2, in the church) - Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 4 Sep 1582.
- North, Charles**, esquire. Born 1677, son of Francis, 1st Baron Guilford. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1700-1714. Disputed elections, 1700, 1705. Died 1714.
- North, Sir Dudley**. Son of Dudley, 4th Baron North. Member of Parliament for Banbury, 1685-88. Died 31 Dec 1691. See D.N.B.; Beesley, pp.500-01.
- North, Roger**. Son of Dudley, 4th Baron North. M.P. for Dunwich, 1688-90. Assistant to Banbury Corporation, 1683-4. See D.N.B.; Beesley, pp.500-01.
- Nottingham, Anthony**. Bapt. 13 Mch 1576/7 son of John. Tollgatherer for sheep market, 1612-3. Widow (un-named, bur. 7 June 1645). Bur. 31 Jan 1641/2.
- OCKFORD** or **ACFORD, THOMAS**. Burgess, 1554. Signed orders, 1557-8. Bur. 30 Aug 1563. Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford.
- OWEN, THOMAS**. Auditor, 1719.
- Packson, Edward**. Tithingman, 1588-9.
- Page, Robert**, labourer. Bapt. 27 Aug 1649 son of Thomas and Anne. Taster, 1685-91. Warden, 1692-4. Mar. Oct 1681 Elizabeth Jaxston (bur. 22 May 1702). Bur. 18 Nov 1716.
- Page, Thomas**. Bapt. 10 Oct 1613 son of Robert and Alice. Taster, 1671-85. Mar. (1) 1 Nov 1637 Anne Blincoe (bur. 13 Feb 1649/50); (2) 6 Apr 1650 Susan Nottingham (bur. 19 Apr 1658); (3) 16 Sep 1658 Mary Wotton, wid. Bur. 17 June 1685.
- Pargiter, Richard**, esquire. Recorder, 1662-3.
- Pargiter, Robert**. Freedom, 1616-7. Tithingman or Constable, ?1620-1.

- Parsons, John**, fellmonger. Constable, 1688-9. Mar. 29 May 1687 Mary Rennols (bur. 13 Jan 1715/6). See Pedigree 8.
- Paynton, Shreeve**, esquire. Recorder of Banbury. Refs. in accounts, 1703/4, 1706. Mar.(1) Mary (bur. 22 Aug 1724); (2) 18 Dec 1725 Margaret Hunt. Bur. 18 Apr 1735.
- Pedley, George**, shoemaker. Bapt. 25 Apr 1561. Survey, 1606 (Sheep Street). Searcher and sealer of leather, 1617-8. Mar. 18 June 1587 Frances West. Bur. 3 Aug 1618. PCB 214.
- Pedley, Thomas**, shoemaker. Bapt. 27 Mch 1558. ?Petition, 1590. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1620-2, 1628-30. Fire relief, 1628. Mar.(1) 14 Oct 1582 Joan Glover (?bur. 31 July 1613); (2) Ann (bur. 1 May 1652).
- PERNAND, WILLIAM**. Burgess, 1554 (Charter). Alderman, post-1554, 1557-8. Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford, 1559.
- Perrin, John**, saddler. Aletaster, 1588-9; taster, 1616-7. Petition, 1590. Sergeant at Mace, 1591-2, 1611 to death. Charity decree, 1602-3. Refs. in accounts, 1608-9. 1609-10. Bur. 8 Jan 1623/4. PCB 257.
- Perrin, Thomas**. Bapt. 19 Mch 1585/6 son of John. Sergeant at Mace, 1623 to death. Mar. 19 June 1610 Rebecca Williams. Bur. 8 Sep 1631. PCB 322.
- Perrin, William**. Bapt. 28 Apr 1611 son of William and Margery. Constable, 1648-9. ?Survey, 1653 (Church Lane). Mar. Ann (bur. 1 Feb 1660/1). Bur. 23 Mch 1667/8.
- Perrin, William**, saddler. ?Survey, 1653 (Church Lane). Tithingman, 1653-4, 1654-5; Constable, 1657-8. Sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6 (aged 44 in 1657/8). Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Brightwell's money). Mar. 28 Sep 1653 Elizabeth Hinton (bur. 7 May 1701) Mens.1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds for Brightwell's money). Bur. 18 Aug 1671.
- Perrin, William**, saddler. Bapt. 18 Aug 1654 son of William, junior, and Elizabeth. ?Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Brightwell's money). Constable, 1689-90. Bur. 15 July 1711. Will, PCC.
- PETTIPHER, HENRY**. Burgess, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1720-3. Mar. 31 Jan 1719/20 Sarah Harding.
- PHILLIPS, GEORGE**. Tithingman, 1625-6, 1626-7; Constable, 1627-8, 1628-9. Burgess, 1636-7 to 1642-3. Auditor, 1636-40. Ref. in accounts, 1640-1. Loan, 1641-2. Bridgemaster, 1641-3.
- PILKINGTON, HENRY**. Freeman, 1554. Alderman at death. Bur. 28 Feb 1587/8. Will, PCB. See Pedigree 12.
- Pilkington, Thomas**. Bapt. 20 July 1578 son of Henry. Constable, 1604-5, 1606-7, 1611-2. Refs. in accounts, 1603-4, 1605-6, 1612-3, 1620-1 (wrongful imprisonment). Mar. 21 June 1603 Frances Hill. Bur. 13 July 1645. See Pedigree 12.
- PLOMER or PLUMAR, WILLIAM**. Named as Alderman in 1554 Charter, but not in list in account book. Ref. in accounts, 1555-6.
- Plumpton, Manasses**. Bapt. 13 May 1595 son of John. Tithingman, 1648-9, 1649-50; Constable, 1650-1, 1651-2. ?Survey, 1653 (Beast Market). Mar. Judeth. Bur. 4 Sep 1670.
- Pope, Richard**, butcher. Bapt. 11 Mch 1577/8 son of Thomas and Jane. Survey, 1606 (St. John's Street). Taster, 1619-20, 1621-3, 1626-7, 1631-2, 1634-5. Mar. 25 Apr 1604 Anne Ladkyns (bur. 25 Nov 1637). Bur. 17 Nov 1644, 'senior'.
- Pope, Richard**. Bapt. 25 Feb 1615/6 son of Seth and Alice. Taster, 1640-1, 1648-9, 1654-5, 1658-60, 1661-2, 1672-3, 1675-7. Bur. 19 Apr 1682, 'poor'.
- Pope, Seth**. Bapt. 3 Mch 1571/2 son of Thomas and Jane. Tithingman, ?1612-3; Constable, 1613-4, 1614-5. Survey, 1606 (St. John's Street). Town rents, 1616/7 (St. John's). Mar. 31 Oct 1603 Alice Cowlye (bur. 26 June 1631).
- Potter, Samuel** Sergeant at Mace at death. Bur. 31 Dec 1682.

- POTTER, WILLIAM.** Tithingman, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. On Corporation, 1591-2, 1597-8. Ref. in accounts, 1595-6. Poor loan, 1597/8. Lease of tenement in Bread Cross Street/Boulting Street, 1603 (from 1602). Mar. 9 Nov 1584 Elionor Yerneton.
- Potter, William.** Taster of victuals, 1614-5. Tithingman, 1618-9, 1619-20; Constable, 1622-3, 1629-30. Ref. in fn. 1610-1 to William Taylor's will, 1630. Mar.(1) 20 Oct 1601 Margaret Turke (?bur. 16 Sep 1612); (2) --- - Survey, 1643 (Shambles). Bur. 15 Dec 1652.
- PYM, JOHN,** woollendraper. Bapt. 15 Oct 1572 son of Thomas and Mawde. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Bridgemaster, 1603-4, 1606-7. Refs. in accounts, 1607-8, 1609-10 (Wool Hall). Burgess, 1608 (Charter) to death. Auditor, 1608-9. Wool Market loan, 1610/1. Corporation loan, 1611-2. Mar. 7 Feb 1597/8 Mary dau. of John Gill. Bur. 28 Mch 1611. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 4.
- PYMME, THOMAS.** Chamberlain, 1583-4. Auditor, 1588-9. Alderman at death. Quit rent, 1586. Ref. in Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Mar. 11 Sep 1561 Mawde (bur. 15 Jan 1609/10; PCB 108). Bur. 23 Feb 1589/90. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 1.
- PYME, THOMAS.** Bapt. 17 Dec 1597 son of William and Margaret. Tithingman, 1634-5, 1635-6; Constable, 1636-7 (ship money), 1637-8. Burgess, 1641-2. Auditor, 1640-2. Loan 1641-2. Alderman, 1644 to death. Bridgemaster, 1648-9. ?Town Clerk (ref. under sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6). Bur. 3 Jan 1648/9. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 1.
- Pym, Thomas,** mercer. Tithingman, 1660-1, 1661-2. Mem. 1674-5 (bond for Brightwell's money). Mar. 28 Mch 1659 Joyce dau. of Richard Halhed (bur. 24 Mch 1696/7; PCB) - Mem. 1687-8 (lease). Bur. 6 Aug 1677. See Pedigree 3.
- Pym, William.** Bapt. 14 June 1601 son of William and Margaret. ?Town Clerk (ref. under sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6). Induction of Vicar, 1648-9. Bur. 25 July 1649. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 1.
- RAINBOWE, FULKE,** distiller. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1707-9. Mayor, 1711-2. Auditor, 1714, 1719. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. June 1698 'Mrs' Taylor. Bur. 31 Jan 1741/2. PCB.
- Reason, Anthony,** cutler. Bapt. 14 Apr 1661 son of Nathaniel. Constable, 1689-90. Ref. in accounts, 1692-3 (rent of house), 1712. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 28 Aug 1719) ref. in accounts, 1719. Bur. 23 Aug 1715. PCB.
- Reson(e), William,** shoemaker. Taster of victuals, 1612-5. Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 18 July 1631. PCB 313.
- REDSHAW, JOHN.** Alderman, 1554, 1557-8.
- RENNOLDS or REYNOLDS, EDWARD.** Bapt. 15 Aug 1655 son of Samuel and Alice. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80. Assistant, 1683-4. Burgess from 1684-5 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Auditor, 1684-6, 1690-2. Loan, 1685-6. Ref. in accounts (as exor. to Samuel Reynolds), 1687-8. Bridgemaster, 1687-9. Alderman from 1691-2. Mayor, 1691-2, 1699. Mem. 1698. Petition to Council, 1699. Contending mayors dispute, 1700/1. Mar.(1) Hanna/Ann Austen (bur. 26 Dec 1696); (2) June 1699 Hannah Traunter. See Pedigree 8.
- REIGNOLDES or RENNOLDS, SAMUEL.** Bapt. 13 Jan 1623/4 son of Thomas and Ann. Tithingman, 1648-9, 1649-50. Constable, 1650-1, 1651-2. Sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6 (rented sheep ground; formerly lived in Sheep Street). Refs. in accounts, 1656-7 (to 1659), 1664-5. Burgess from 1658-9. Bridgemaster, 1658-61. Auditor, 1658-65, 1668-75. Mem. 1661-2. Loan, 1661-2, 1685-6. Alderman from 1661-2 (temporarily removed, 1687-8), to death. Mayor, 1665-6, 1676-7, 1684-5. Mem. 1667-8, 1671-2. Chamberlain, 1674-87/8 (and ref. under 1669-70) (temporarily removed 1687-8), probably to death. Justice of the Peace, 1683-4 (temporarily removed 1687-8) to death. Mar. Alice. Bur. 1 Feb 1689/90. Will, PCB. See Ped. 8.
- Reynolds, Thomas.** Tithingman, 1618-9, 1619-20. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1619-20. Constable, 1620-1, 1621-2, 1622-3. Mar.(1) Anne (bur. 28 Aug 1640);

- Reynolds, Thomas**, contd. Mar.(2) Joan (bur. 25 Mch 1655). Bur. 4 Dec 1663. PCB. See Pedigree 8.
- Richards, George**. Tithingman, 1591-2. Bur. 3 Aug 1598. PCB 49.
- Richards, Henry**. Bapt. 25 Jan 1580/1 son of John. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Tithingman, 1627-8. Mar. 7 Nov 1608 Alice Longe (bur. June 1644). Died before June 1644.
- Richards, Matthew**, maltster. Bapt. 30 July 1609 son of Henry and Alice. Tithingman, 1647-8. Mar.(1) 28 Nov 1639 Sybill/Isabel Taylour (bur. 23 Sep 1648); (2) 3 Aug 1654 Joan Green, wid. (bur. 7 Nov 1654); (3) 6 Aug 1659 Alice Gaskin, wid. (bur. 23 June 1677). Bur. 22 Nov 1664.
- Rider, Richard**. Constable, 1686-7, 1687-8, 1688-9. Described at death as "formerly eldest Sergeant at Mace". Bur. 25 Jan 1720/1.
- Righton or Wrighton, John**. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1612-3. Mar. 26 Oct 1596 Joan Appletree (bur. 5 Aug 1615). Bur. 5 Jan 1616/7. PCB 174.
- ROBINS, GEORGE**, mercer. Refs. in accounts, 1603-4, 1611-2, 1614-5, 1620-1 (for Mercers' Company). Tithingman, 1604-5; Constable, 1607-8. Burgess from c.1617. Auditor, 1617-21, 1628-30, 1633-5, 1639-41. Corporation loan, 1620/1. Bridgemaster, 1623-5, 1637-9. Alderman from 1628 to death. **Mayor, 1631-2, 1638-9.** Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 3 Mch 1618/9). Bur. 30 Aug 1641. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 3.
- Robins, George**, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1617-8. Tithingman, 1620-1, 1622-3; Constable, 1625-6. Mar. 1 July 1595 Alice Wilsheire (bur. 23 Nov 1625). Bur. 6 Dec 1625. PCB 268.
- Robins, John**, shoemaker. Bapt. 28 May 1598 son of George, shoemaker. Ref. in accounts, 1631-2. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1636-7. Bur. 9 Apr 1643.
- Robbins, Samuel**, mercer. Bapt. 17 Nov 1607 son of George, mercer. Tithingman, 1638-9, 1639-40. Bur. 10 Nov 1641. See Pedigree 3.
- ROBBINS, THOMAS**, mercer. Son of George and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1633-4, 1634-5; Constable, 1635-6, 1636-7 (ship money). Burgess by 1641-2. Auditor, 1643-5, 1653-64. Bridgemaster, 1643-50. Alderman pre-1651 to death. **Mayor, 1651-2, 1661-2.** Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2, 1667-8. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. 16 July 1632 Mary Halhed (bur. 2 Mch 1648/9). Bur. 17 Feb 1667/8. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 3.
- Robins, Thomas**, mercer. Bapt. ? 10 Jan 1640/1 son of Thomas, mercer (or 16 Feb 1640/1 son of William). Constable, 1668-9. Bur. 26 Feb 1685/6. See Pedigree 3.
- Robins, Thomas**, mercer. Bapt. ? 10 Jan 1640/1 s of Thomas, mercer, or 16 Feb 1640/1 son of William. Tithingman, 1674-5, 1675-6; Constable, 1676-7, 1677-8. Mem. 1708 (bond for Oken's money). Bur. 3 Oct 1723. See Pedigree 3.
- Robbins, William**. Bapt. 27 Jan 1604/5 son of George. Taster, 1629-30. Tithingman, 1636-7, 1637-8; Constable, 1638-9, 1642-3. See Pedigree 3.
- Rose, Robert**. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1616-7. Bur. 11 May 1619. PCB 213.
- Russell, Edward**. Bapt. 16 July 1592 son of Robert and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1624-5; Constable, 1625-6. Fn 1610-1 re. Wm. Taylor's will, 1630. Ref. in accounts, 1639-40 (for Mercers' Company). See Pedigree 13.
- RUSSELL, JOHN**. Bapt. 15 May 1586 son of Robert and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1617-8. Lease of Leather Hall, 1621-2. Listed as a Burgess, 1656-7, on visit to Warwick, but no other reference as such. Mar. Anne (bur. 30 Dec 1628). Bur. 28 May 1665. See Pedigree 13.
- RUSSELL, ROBERT**. Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. On Corporation by 1602. Chamberlain, 1602-4. Auditor, 1605-6, 1610-1, 1613-5, 1618-20, 1621-3, 1627-9, 1631-3, 1635-7, 1639-41. Survey, 1606. Alderman, 1608 (Charter) to death. **Mayor, 1609-10, 1617-8, 1625-6.** Bridgemaster, 1616-7, 1629-31. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Mar. 10 June 1583 Elizabeth Vardam. Bur. 26 Dec 1643. See Ped. 13.

- Samon, William**, mercer. Bapt. 16 Feb 1562/3. Poor loan, 1597/8. Refs. in accounts, 1596-7, 1608-9, 1611-2, 1612-3 (wool hall), 1613-4 (wool market), 1614-5, 1615-6, 1616-7. Clerk of the Beam, 1611-2, 1617-8, 1618-9, 1619-20. Mar. 6 May 1595 Margaret Wickham (bur. 4 Dec 1612). Bur. 18 Mch 1624/5.
- SANSBURY, SAMUEL**, cuttler. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1732. Auditor, 1741. **Mayor, 1741-2**. Justice of the Peace at death. Bur. 18 Jan 1758. Will, PCC.
- Saunders, William**. Beadle - deprived of office, 1597-8. Mar. 1 Feb 1578/9 Margaret Privet - Charity Decree, 1602-3. Bur. 4 May 1602.
- SAWBIDGE** als **RICHARDSON, JAMES**. Petition, 1590. Alderman by 1593, to death. **Bailiff, 1593-4**. Auditor, 1594-5, 1596-7. Corporation member, 1595-6. Poor loan, 1597/8. Mar. 27 Nov 1570 Margaret Potter (bur. 24 Aug 1605; PCB 78). Bur. 27 Aug 1598. PCB 47. See Pedigree 10.
- Scott, John**, 'of the George'. Bapt. 11 Sep 1579 son of Robert. Refs. in accounts, 1612-3, 1615-6, 1619-20. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Tithingman, 1617-8. Constable, 1621-2. Mar.(1) Alice (bur. 27 Oct 1620); (2) 15 June 1621 Mary Bentley. Bur. 7 Jan 1636/7. Will PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- Seacole, William**. Bapt. 6 Dec 1584 (probably son of Robert and Joan, mar. 1583). Taster, 1631-41. Bur. 23 May 1642.
- Shaw, John**, butcher. Taster, 1684-6, 1689-90. Warden, 1692-3. Mar.(1) Frances (bur. 17 July 1707); (2) Mary (bur. 10 Feb 1725/6).
- Shaw, Richard**, butcher. Taster, 1650-1, 1654-5, 1658-60, 1662-3, 1664-5. Bur. 2 Dec 1681 (of Neithrop).
- Shaw, Richard**, butcher. Bapt. 22 Dec 1638 son of Richard. Taster, 1666-7, 1670-1, 1675-9, 1682-4, 1690-1. Mem. 1674-5 (bond of Harding's money). Mar. Mary (bur. 10 Apr 1699). Bur. 16 Sep 1702. PCB.
- SHEWELL** or **SHOWELL, HENRY**, saddler. Quit rent, 1586. On Corporation by 1587. Chamberlain, 1587-9. Petition, 1590. **Bailiff, 1591-2, 1601-2**. Auditor, 1592-3, 1596-7, 1598-9, 1603-4, 1607-8. Justice of the Peace, 1595-6 (ref. under 1594-5); and 1608 (Charter). Alderman by 1591, named in Charter, 1608, to death. Poor loan, 1597-8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Refs. in accounts, 1602-3, 1610-1. Survey, 1606 (Birchley Street; Enshams). Borough boundary, 1605-6 (juror). Bridgemaster, 1607-8. Wool market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. **Mayor, 1612-3**. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge South). Mar. 14 July 1578 Mary Knight (bur. 20 Mch 1621/2; PCB 244) Corporation loan, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Bur. 3 June 1615. Will PCC. See Pedigree 1.
- Shirwood, Henry**, tailor. Aletaster, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. Constable, 1596-7. Poor loan, 1597/8. Survey, 1606. Borough boundary, 1605-6 (juror). Mar.(1) Elizabeth (bur. 10 Jan 1588/9); (2) Mary (bur. 28 Feb 1630/1). Bur. 7 June 1631. PCB 314.
- SHIRWOOD, HUGH**, tailor. Bapt. 16 May 1563. Petition, 1590. Aletaster, 1591-2. Poor loan, 1597/8. Constable, ?1604-5, 1607-8. Survey, 1606 (High Street). Town rents, 1616/7. Burgess by 1621, to 1624-5. Auditor, 1621-3. Ref. in accounts, 1625-6. Mar. 28 Nov 1589 Margaret Glover. Bur. 23 Jan 1625/6.
- Shirwood, Samuel**. Bapt. 25 May 1595 son of Henry. Taster, 1637-45. Survey, 1653 (Sheep Street). Bur. 27 Aug 1664, 'senior'.
- SHUTTLEWORTH** or **SHUTTYLL, HENRY**, shoemaker. Alderman, 1554 (Charter). **Bailiff, 1557-8**. Auditor, 1571-2. Mar. Joan (bur. 13 Sep 1575. Will, PCB). Bur. 7 Apr 1573. Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford.
- Simmonds, John**. Constable, 1591-2. In occupation of tenement in Beast Market/ Colebar Street, 1603. Bur. 8 Mch 1602/3.
- SMALLBONE, EDMUND**, woollendrapier. Tithingman, 1611-2; Constable, 1614-5. Burgess, 1621-2 to 1628-9. Auditor, 1620-1. Mar. 17 Jan 1608/9 Alice Eden. Will, PCC, 1658. See Pedigree 1.

- Smart, Robert**, tailor. Tithingman, 1676-7, 1677-8. Bur. 24 Sep 1727.
- SMITH, ANDREW**, ironmonger. Bapt. 6 Mch 1652/3 son of Henry. Tithingman, 1676-7, 1677-8; Constable, 1680-1. Assistant, 1683-4. Burgess, 1685-6 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Loan 1685-6. Auditor, 1685-7. Bridgemaster, 1689-91. Alderman by June 1693. Mar. 13 July 1677 Mary King.
- Smith, Henry**. Sergeant at Mace, 1585, 1588, 1589, 1590-1. Mar. Alice (bur. 22 July 1588). Bur. 1 Mch 1591/2.
- SMITH, HENRY**. Burgess by 1656-7. Auditor, 1658-60, 1665-7. Alderman by May 1660, to death. **Mayor, 1664-5, 1674-5** (died in office). Chamberlain, 1666-74. Mar. 2 May 1641 Martha Vivers. Bur. 13 Mch 1674/5. See Pedigree 5.
- SMITH, HENRY**, ironmonger. Tithingman, 1669-70; Constable, 1670-1, 1671-2. Burgess, 1672-3, to death. Mar. 31 Dec 1667 Joyce Laurence. Bur. 27 Feb 1677/8. Will, PCC, 1678. See Pedigree 5.
- Smith, Nicholas**. Constable, 1692-3, 1693-4. Bur. 16 July 1720.
- Spurrett, Benjamin**, ironmonger. Constable, 1689-90. Mar. 22 Apr 1688 Ann Cave (bur. 22 Nov 1712).
- Steward, Henry**, barber. Bapt. 9 Dec 1651 son of Charles. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Harding's money). Mar. Elizabeth (?bur. 14 Dec 1696). Bur. 18 Aug 1706.
- Stockley, Joseph**, woollen-draper. Born near Banbury. Correspondence re Freedom, 1673-4. Constable, 1680-1. Bur. 20 Mch 1680/1. Will, PCC.
- STOKES, CHARLES**, innkeeper, of the Three Tuns. Bapt. 3 Mch 1643/4 son of William and Joan. Licence to sell wine, 1676-9, 1680-5, 1687-8 (at Three Tuns), 1689-91, 1692-4. Burgess, 1678-9. Auditor, 1681-3, 1685-7, 1689-91. Loan 1685-6. Alderman from 1685-6 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Refused mayoralty, ?1685-6, 1689-90 (for 1690-1). Mar. Sarah (bur. 3 Jan 1715/6). Bur. 17 Feb 1717/8. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- STOKES, HENRY**. Bapt. 3 Jan 1635/6 son of William and Joan. Tithingman, 1657-8; Constable, 1658-9, 1659-60. Loan, ?1660-1, 1685-6. Assistant, 1661-2. Burgess, 1666-7. Auditor, 1666-8, 1670-2, 1675-7. Alderman from c.1668-9, removed 1687-8 (does not appear to have been reinstated). Bridgemaster, 1672-3, 1683-5. **Mayor, 1673-4**. Refused mayoralty, 1685-6. Mar. 9 Sep 1656 Sarah dau. of William Styles of Warkworth (bur. 22 Apr 1717). Bur. 22 Feb 1697/8. See Pedigree 6.
- STOKES, JOHN**, mercer. Bapt. 28 Jan 1639/40 son of William and Joan. Assistant, 1662-3. Tithingman, 1663-4. Burgess, 1668-9. Auditor, 1670-2, 1674-81, 1683-5. Alderman from c.1672-3, removed 1687-8 (does not appear to have been reinstated). Bridgemaster, 1673-5. Ref. in accounts, 1675-6. **Mayor, 1678-9**. Loan, 1685-6. Disputed election, 1700/1 (as witness). See Pedigree 6.
- STOKES, THOMAS**, vintner, of the Three Tuns. Bapt. 16 Feb 1693/4 son of Charles and Sarah. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Bridgemaster, 1718-20, 1727-9. **Mayor, 1730-1, 1737-8**. Mar. Elizabeth (bur. 26 Aug 1756). Bur. 28 Dec 1750. Will, PCC, 1751. See Pedigree 6.
- STOKES, WILLIAM**, innholder, of the Unicorn. Bapt. 18 June 1606 son of Henry and Dorothy. Tithingman, 1635-6. Burgess by 1648-9. Auditor, 1647-52. Bridgemaster, 1657-8. Alderman, pre-Jan 1657/8, but post-April 1656 (sheep-pen dispute). Mar. Johanna or Joan (bur. 19 June 1678; Will, PCC) - Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Bur. 9 June 1658. See Pedigree 6.
- Stokes, William**, esquire. Assistant to the Corporation, 1683-4.
- Strancke, Thomas**, mercer. Constable, 1689-90. Bur. 18 Nov 1748. Will, PCC.
- Stronge, Nathaniel**. Bapt. 9 Nov 1600 son of Bartholomew. Tithingman, 1629-30, 1631-2. Mar. 30 Nov 1626 Margaret More. Bur. 31 Oct 1631.
- Style(s), Daniel**, innkeeper, of the Unicorn. Son of William and Sarah, of Warkworth. Licence to keep tavern, 1685-6, 1686-7, 1690-1, 1692-4. Assistant, 1683-4.

- Style(s), Daniel**, contd. Mar. Mary dau. of William and Johanna Stokes (bur, 13 Dec 1717). Bur. 5 May 1705. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- STYLE(S), PHILIP**. Son of William and Sarah, of Warkworth. Assistant, 1683-4 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Ref. in accounts, 1692-3. Town Clerk by 1700/1 (disputed mayoral election), to death. Ref. to statement by dau. Jane Newlove, 1716, in fn., 1611-2. Mar. Jane dau. of Theodore Greene (bur. 9 Feb 1704/5). Bur. 4 Sep 1706. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 6.
- STYLE, WILLIAM**, attorney. Son of Philip and Jane. Mem. 1691-2 (re. prosecution of felons); 1708 (as Town Clerk). Disputed election, 1700/1 (alternative Town Clerk). Town Clerk, 1706 to death. Mar. ?Ann. Bur. 9 Apr 1716. See Pedigree 6.
- SUTTON, THOMAS**, vintner, of the Reindeer. Constable, 1666-7. Burgess from 1668-9. Licence to sell wine, 1676-9, 1680-5. Alderman from c.1678-9, to death. Auditor, 1667-9, 1671-82. Bridgemaster, 1675-7. **Mayor, 1679-80**. Mar. Sarah - Licence to sell wine, 1685-9; Loan 1685-6. Bur. 12 Apr 1685. Will, PCC.
- Swearingham, John**. Bapt. 22 Nov 1663 son of Peter. Constable, 1691-2. (Wife bur. 6 Jan 1692/3).
- Symes, Randall**. Tithingman, 1616-7. Bur. 25 May 1622. PCB 247, and PCC Admon, 1624.
- Tasker, Henry**. Son of George, of Wroxton. Tithingman, 1668-9; Constable, 1669-70, 1670-1. Churchwarden, 1686/7 (under 1684-5), 1687/8 (under 1686-7). Mar. (1) 3 Nov 1657 Ann Annesley (bur. 16 June 1685); (2) Elizabeth (bur. 14 Feb 1710/1). Bur. 26 Feb 1710/1.
- Tatham, Roger**, glover. Bapt. 9 Feb 1650/1 son of Samuel. Constable, 1692-3, 1693-4. Mar. Oct 1678. Bur. 11 Feb 1732/3. PCB.
- Taylor, William**. Born at Middleton Cheney. Assistant to Corporation and Fellow of Hospital, 1608 (Charter). Refs. in accounts, 1608-9, 1609-10, 1619/1 (Wool Market Loan), 1611-2. ?Rent, 1620-1, 1621-2 (St. John's Street). ?Bur. at Middleton Cheney. M.I. (Baker, "Northants.", 656). Will, PCC, 1631 (fn. under 1610-1).
- Terry, John**. Tithingman, 1627-8, ?1628-9. Mar. 21 Jan 1623/4 Naomi dau. of William Knight.
- Thompson, Richard**, esquire. Assistant to Corporation, 1683-4, 1717-8.
- Thorpe, Edward**, of Neithrop. Son of William and Mary. Tithingman, 1660-1, 1661-2. Mar. 1658 Abigail dau. of George Blount of Wigginton (bur. 8 June 1703). Bur. 13 Aug 1718. See Pedigree 7.
- THORPE, GEORGE (BLUNT)**, haberdasher. Bapt. 28 Dec 1663 son of Edward and Abigail. Burgess, 1691-2. Alderman by 1700, to death. Petition to Privy Council, 1699. Auditor, 1714. Mar. Mary Hawtaine. Bur. 14 Sep 1715. Will, PCC, 1716. See Pedigrees, 5, 7.
- THORPE, WILLIAM**, bookseller. Bapt. 30 Aug 1659 son of Edward and Abigail. Burgess, 1685-6 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Loan 1685-6. Auditor, 1689-90. Bridgemaster, 1693-4. Alderman by 1698. **Mayor, 1698-9** (died in office). Mar. (1) Sarah (bur. 28 July 1685); (2) Ann (bur. 28 Jan 1692/3). Died 25 Feb, bur. 28 Feb 1698/9. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 7.
- Tims, John**, shoemaker. Son of John. Taster, 1662-91. Mems. 1674-5, 1687-8 (bonds for Brightwell's money). Warden, 1692-4. Petition to Parliament, 1691-2. Mar. (1) 14 Mch 1653/4 Deborah Tomlinson, wid. (bur. 23 June 1654); (2) 1 Mch 1667/8 Joan Evens (bur. 7 Aug 1713). Bur. 26 Feb 1694/5.
- Tomes, Thomas**, mercer. Tithingman, 1640-1, 1641-2. Bur. 1 Jan 1646/7.
- Towerzey, Edward**, at the sign of the Plough. Bapt. 30 Aug 1656 son of Richard. Constable, 1686-7, 1687-8, 1688-9. Mar. Sep 1681 Ann Tatham (bur. 12 Nov 1715). Bur. 21 Mch 1724/5.
- Towerzey, John**, innkeeper, of the Red Lion. Bapt. 21 July 1644 son of Richard. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5, 1685-6. Licence to keep tavern, Red Lion, 1688-90.

- Townesend, John**, shoemaker. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1670-2. Mem. 1674-5 (bond of Harding's money). Mar. 14 Sep 1657 Lydia Gubbins. Bur. 22 Jan 1681/2.
- Traunter, John**. Bapt. 28 Jan 1615/6 son of John and Alice. Tithingman, 1648-9. Bur. 11 Feb 1653/4. See Pedigree 8.
- Traunter, John**, woolman. Bapt. 25 Sep 1636 son of John. Tithingman, 1670-1, 1671-2; Constable, 1673-4. Mem. 1687-8 (bonds for Brightwell's money). Mar. 15 Apr 1667 Hannah Burrowes. Bur. 27 Mch 1697. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 8.
- Tredwell, John**. Tithingman, 1666-7. Mar. Anne (bur. 15 Apr 1676). Bur. 29 Oct 1677.
- Trist, Samuel**, esquire. Recorder, 1683-4. Named as Assistant, 1683-4 (Charter) but deleted by royal command.
- TURTON, JOHN**. Tithingman, 1614-5. Refs. in accounts, 1619-20, 1624-5, 1631-2 (for Smiths' Company). Constable, 1620-1, 1621-2. Burgess, 1628. Auditor, 1627-9, 1631-3. Alderman from 1631-2, to death. Bridgemaster, 1633-5. **Mayor, 1636** (died in office). Mar. 2 Oct 1610 Joan Nycholes - ref. in accounts, 1637-8; Mem. 1641-2. Bur. 18 Oct 1636. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 4.
- Turton, Robert**. Tithingman, 1607-8. Refs. in accounts, 1608-9, 1611-2, 1614-5. Constable, 1609-10. Mar. 13 Oct 1606 Anne Edens.
- Udall, Thomas**, tailor. Ref. in accounts, 1608-9. Tithingman, 1613-4, 1614-5; Constable, 1616-7, 1617-8. Town rents, 1616/7 (Bridge North). Bur. 31 May 1624. Will, PCC.
- UNDERTRE(Y), HENRY**, woollen-drapery. Burgess, 1554 (Charter). Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford, 1556. ?Quit rent, 1586.
- Unitt or Yountitt, Simon**, gentleman. Born c.1577 (aged 80 in 1657/8). Tithingman, 1620-1, 1621-2; Constable, 1622-3. Bur. 30 Mch 1669. PCB.
- Vickers, Nicholas**. Bapt. 25 Mch 1599 son of William. Taster, 1626-7. Mar. 17 Feb 1628/9, Alice Chadwell.
- VIVERS, ANDREW**, mercer. Member of Corporation, pre-1586-7, Alderman at death. Quit rent, 1586. Mar. Eleanor (bur. 14 Oct 1585, in the church). Bur. 29 Apr 1588. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 5.
- Vivers, Edward**, woollendrapery. Bapt. 18 Aug 1622 son of Richard and Elizabeth. Constable, 1647-8, 1648-9. Mem. 1667-8. Mar. Mary dau. of Andrew Annesley, widow of Henry Hill (bur. 31 May 1668, Quaker register). Bur. 21 June 1685 (Quaker reg.) See Pedigree 5.
- VIVERS, JOHN**, mercer. Son of Robert and Elizabeth. Freeman, 1554. ?Chamberlain, 1573-4. ?Quit rent, 1586. Mar. Joane. Bur. 27 July 1577. Will PCC, and Archdeaconry Court of Oxford. See Pedigree 5.
- Vivers, John**. Bapt. 18 June 1616 son of Richard and Elizabeth. Tithingman, 1642-3. Mar. (1) Martha Baker (bur. 30 May 1642); (2) Elizabeth. See Pedigree 5.
- VIVERS, RICHARD**, woollen-drapery. Bapt. 13 Nov 1574 son of Andrew and Eleanor. Constable, 1601-2, 1602-3, ref. under 1604-5. Collector for the Poor, 1603-4. Survey, 1606 (Shop Row/High Street). Borough boundary, 1605-6 (juror). Wool Market loan, 1611-2. Overseer of the Poor, 1612-3. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Burgess by 1615. Auditor, 1615-6, 1618-20, 1625-7, 1628-32, 1634-6, 1641-3. Town rents, 1616/7 (Sheep St.); Alderman by 1621. **Mayor, 1621-2, 1633-4**; elected but died before taking office, 1643-4. Bridgemaster, 1627-8. Mar. 23 Oct 1598 Elizabeth Eaton (bur. 28 May 1658). Bur. 29 Sep 1643. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 5.
- VIVERS, ROBERT**. Freeman, 1554. Ref. in accounts, 1555-6. Signs orders, probably as Burgess, 1557-8. Quit rent, 1586. Bur. 15 June 1572. Will, PCC.
- Vowe, Francis**. Taster, 1624-5, 1627-8, 1633-4, 1641-2. Fire relief, 1628. Mar. Joan (bur. 3 Oct 1629).

- Wagstaffe, James**, mercer, innkeeper of the Flower-de-Luce. Tithingman, 1646-7; Constable, 1649-50, 1650-1. Mar. 30 Jan 1636/7 Mary Wheately (bur. 17 Mch 1666/7, Quaker register). Bur. 26 Mch 1675 (Quaker register).
- Wagstaffe, John**. Mem. in accounts, 1646-7. Constable, 1657-8. Mar. 24 Jan 1653/4 Abigail dau. of Organ Nicholls, widow of Anthony Hall (?bur. 29 Mch 1673). Bur. ?16 July 1698, 'poor'.
- Walford, Edward**. Bapt. 2 Oct 1597 son of Walter Walford. Taster, 1624-5, 1627-8, 1632-3.
- Walford, Edward**, butcher. Bapt. 8 Nov 1635 son of Walter. Taster, 1657-8, 1671-2, 1680-2, 1686-9. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Harding's money). Constable, 1690-1, 1691-2. Warden, 1692-3. Bur. 28 Mch 1701.
- Walker, Edward**, labourer. Bapt. 10 Dec 1567 son of Lawrence. Petition, 1590. Ref. in accounts, 1602-3. Charity Decree, 1602-3 (North Bar). Survey, 1606 (Cornmarket Street, Town Hall). Tollgatherer for Beast Market, 1612-3. Mar. (1) 6 Oct 1593 Katherine Bennet (bur. 7 Nov 1614); (2) 1 May 1615 Ann Cleridge. Bur. 8 Apr 1629. PCB 301.
- Walker, James**, saddler. Bapt. 1 July 1658 son of Edward. Constable, 1683-4, 1684-5. Mar. (1) Sarah (bur. 25 Mch 1685); (2) Susannah (bur. 23 July 1700).
- Walsall, James**, butcher. Bapt. 8 June 1606 son of John. Taster, 1637-9, 1648-50, 1657-8, 1662-3, 1664-5. Bur. 8 Jan 1680/1.
- Walsole, John**, butcher. Bapt. 19 Mch 1625/6 son of William and Mary. Taster, 1660-1, 1668-70. Bur. 20 Apr 1670. Will, PCC.
- Walsole, Thomas**. Bapt. 8 June 1606 son of John. Taster, 1640-1. Bur. 22 Feb 1658/9.
- Walsole, William**, butcher. Bapt. 10 Aug 1589 son of John. Taster, 1619-20, 1625-6, 1631-2, 1637-9, 1646-8, 1652-4. Mar. 16 Apr 1624 Mary Pyner. Bur. 7 Aug 1663. PCB.
- Wamsley, John**. Bapt. 25 Nov 1590 son of John (d.1629) and Margaret. Taster, 1621-3, 1626-7, 1631-2, 1646-7 (and ref. under 1647-8). Fire relief, 1628. Mar. (1) Margaret (d. c.1630-1); (2) 29 Jan 1631/2 Dinah Winge (bur. 14 June 1661). Bur. 29 Apr 1662.
- Wamsley, John**. Bapt. 24 May 1614 son of John (d.1662) and Margaret. Taster, 1660-1, 1662-5. Ref. under election of son Henry as parish clerk, 1664-5. Mar. 14 May 1637 Mary Kinge (bur. 3 Apr 1679). Bur. 4 June 1665, 'cleric.' (parish clerk).
- WARD, THOMAS**. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Ref. in accounts, 1706 (rent of Wool Hall, to Sep. 1705). Mayor, ?1717-8, 1719-20. Chamberlain, 1720-26.
- Warner, Edward**, baker. Bapt. 10 June 1571 son of William. Tithingman, 1604-5. Ref. in accounts, 1605-6. Assistant, 1608 (Charter). Mar. 25 Oct 1602 Elizabeth Forster. Bur. 22 Dec 1622. PCB 251.
- WARNER, ROBERT**. Quit rent, 1586. Member of Corporation, 1591-2.
- Warr or Waw, Richard**, gentleman. Ref. in accounts, 1612-3 (horse hire). Coroner, 1613-4.
- Watts, Thomas**, currier. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1622-3, 1634-5. Bur. 13 Jan 1637/8.
- Webb, Francis**, gentleman. Assistant, 1661-2. Bur. 15 Sep 1671. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 10.
- WEBB, JOHN**. Bapt. 18 June 1598 son of Thomas and Alice. Tithingman, 1625-6, 1626-7; Constable, 1627-8, 1628-9. Burgess from 1631-2. Auditor, 1631-3, 1640-2, 1649-51. Bridgemaster, 1633-5, 1653-5. Alderman by 1641-2, to 1661-2. Loan, 1641-2, 1660-1, 1661-2, 1667-8. Mayor, 1642-3, 1659-60. Chamberlain, 1654-62 (refs. under 1647-8, 1649-50, 1654-5, 1659-62). Mem. 1661-2. Bur. 10 Jan 1670/1. See Pedigree 10.

- WEBB, THOMAS**, mercer. Refs. in accounts, 1596-7, 1610-1, 1611-2, 1626-7. Poor loan, 1597/8. Mem. re charities, 1598-9. On Corporation by 1601. Chamberlain, 1601-4. Charity Decree, 1602-3. Auditor, 1604-5, 1608-10, 1613-5, 1620-8, 1631-7. Alderman by 1607, named in Charter (1608), to death. **Bailiff and Mayor, 1607-8** (Charter); **Mayor, 1619-20, 1629-30, 1637-8**. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Overseer of the Poor, 1612-3. Bridgemaster, 1614-5, 1631-3. ?Town rents, 1616/7. Justice of the Peace, 1631-2, 1633-4. Mar. 22 Sep 1592 Alice Hadley. Bur. 3 Nov 1640. See Pedigree 10.
- Webb, Thomas**, victualler. ?Bapt. 19 July 1612 son of Henry and Joan. Tithingman, 1668-9. Bur. 27 Sep 1681 (or ?8 Nov 1682). PCB.
- WELCHMAN, EDWARD**, baker. Tithingman, 1640-1, 1641-2; Constable, 1642-3, 1643-4. Burgess by 1652. Auditor, 1652-4, 1657-9, 1662-4. Alderman by 1658-9, to 1671-2. **Mayor, 1660-1**. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2, 1667-8. Bridgemaster, 1666-7. Mar. Katherine (bur. 12 Oct 1664). Bur. 14 Oct 1685. PCB. See Pedigrees 5, 6.
- WELCHMAN, JOHN**, apothecary. Son of Edward and Katherine. Tithingman, 1662-3; Constable, 1663-4, 1664-5. Burgess by 1666-7. Auditor, 1666-8, 1670-2, 1677-80, 1682-4, 1686-8, 1692-3. Bridgemaster, 1669-71, 1685-7. Alderman by c.1672-3 (temporarily removed 1687-8). **Mayor, 1675-6, 1689-90, 1699** (on death of William Thorpe). Loan, 1685-6. ?refused mayoralty, 1685-6. Letter to Privy Council, 1699. Disputed mayoral election, 1700/1. Chamberlain, 1705-9. Mar. 25 Nov 1661 Millicent Hill (bur. 3 Oct 1729). Bur. 26 Aug 1713. Will, PCC, 1714. See Pedigrees 5, 6.
- WELCHMAN, JOHN**, surgeon. Bapt. 1 Sep 1667 son of John (d.1713) and Millicent. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Churchwarden, 1708, 1710 (as auditor). Bridgemaster, 1718-20. Auditor, 1726-8. Mar. Susanna (bur. 1 Aug 1714). Bur. 17 May 1730.
- Welford, Richard**, glover. Bapt. 22 Feb 1628/9. Taster, 1657-62. Bur. 13 June 1683.
- Welford, Thomas**, glover. Bapt. 10 Jan 1655/6 son of Richard. Mem. 1687-8 (bond for Oken's money), 1708. Sergeant at Mace, 1691-2, and to death. Disputed election, 1700/1. Bur. 3 Mch 1711/2. PCB.
- Wells, John**, maltster. Bapt. 1 Jan 1657/8 son of Thomas. Constable, 1688-9. Bur. 20 Dec 1726. PCB.
- Wells, Samuel**, Vicar of Banbury, 1648-1662. Born 1614. B.A., New College, M.A., Magdalen Hall, Oxford, 1636. Induction as Vicar, 1648-9. Ejected, 1662. Bur. 7 July 1678. See Beesley, pp.464-6.
- Wells, Thomas**, maltster. Bapt. 17 Mch 1621/2 son of Thomas and Alice. Constable, 1668-9, 1669-70. Mem. 1674-5 (bond for Oken's money). Bur. 1 Jan 1695/6. PCB.
- Wells, William**, maltster. Bapt. 8 Aug 1654 son of Thomas. Constable, 1681-2, 1682-3. Mar. ?May 1657 Margaret Gardiner. Bur. 19 July 1715. PCB.
- WEST, AHOLIAB**. Bapt. 1 May 1603 son of James and Anne. Tithingman, 1624-5, 1625-6; Constable, 1626-7, 1627-8. Burgess by 1637. Auditor, 1637-9, 1646-8, 1652-4. Overseer of the Poor, 1638-9. Bridgemaster, 1639-41, 165-2. Loan, 1641-2. Alderman by 1643, to death. **Mayor, 1644-6, 1655-6** (ref. under 1652-3; and sheep-pens dispute). Mar. Mary (bur. ?24 Feb 1688/9). Bur. 6 Feb 1658/9. See Ped. 6.
- West, Aholiab**. Bapt 14 Dec 1655 son of John (d.1666) and Mary. Sergeant at Mace, 1699, and at death. Petition to Council, 1699. Bur. 17 June 1700. PCB. See Pedigree 7.
- West, James**, yeoman. Ref. in accounts, 1603-4. Tithingman, 1616-7, 1617-8. Mar. 1 Oct 1599 Ann Coelinge (mar.(2) Wm. Goodwin; bur. 30 Apr 1655). Bur. 5 Nov 1621. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 6, 7.
- WEST, JAMES**, mercer. Son of James (d.1621) and Anne. Tithingman, 1639-40, 1640-1; Constable, 1642-3, 1643-4. Burgess by 1646. Survey, 1653 (Shambles). Bridge-master, 1654-5, 1661-3. Alderman by 1657, to death. **Mayor, 1657-8, 1668-9, 1680-1**. Auditor, 1658-60, 1665-7. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Ref. in accounts, 1660-1.

- WEST, JAMES**, contd. Justice of the Peace, 1666-7, 1683-4. Mems. 1667-8, 1670-1, 1674-5 (bond for Brightwell's money). Mar. 21 Sep 1635 Bridget Bentley (bur. 21 Oct 1696) - Loan, 1685-6. Bur. 5 Sep 1684. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 2, 6.
- West, James**, apothecary. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80.
- WEST, JAMES**, glazier. Bapt. 9 May 1683 son of John (glazier, d.1721/2) and Joyce. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. Deputy Chamberlain (for Thomas Ward), 1723-7. **Mayor**, 1724-5. Chamberlain, 1728-41, and to death. Bridgemaster, 1729. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. 28 Mch 1706 Mary Peace. Bur. 3 July 1745. PCB. See Ped.6.
- West, John**, glazier. Tithingman, 1620-1. Refs. in accounts, 1621-2, 1624-5. Mar. Margaret (bur. 30 Dec 1655). Bur. 5 Jan 1642/3. Will, PCC at Oxford. See Pedigrees 6, 7.
- WEST, JOHN**, glazier. Bapt. 25 Dec 1616 son of John (d.1642/3) and Margaret. Tithingman, 1646-7; Constable, 1647-8, 1652-3. ?Survey, 1653 (North Bar). Burgess by 1660-1, 1662-3 (oath). Auditor, 1660-2. Bridgemaster, 1663-5. Alderman pre-1665-6. Mar. 27 Apr 1636 Mary Boreman. Bur. 14 Sep 1666. PCB. See Pedigree 7.
- WEST, JOHN**, 'senior', or 'Black John'. Bapt. 26 Feb 1636/7 son of Aholiab and Mary. Constable, 1666-7. Burgess by 1668-9. Auditor, 1669-74. Bridgemaster, 1671-3, 1687-9. Alderman by 1672-3 (temporarily removed 1687-8), probably to death. **Mayor**, 1677-8, 1690-1, 1700-1. Loan, 1685-6. Ref. in accounts, 1692-3. Disputed mayoral election, 1700/1. Justice of the Peace at death. Mar. 5 Sep 1666 Elizabeth Turstin or Twichen(?) at Horley (in Banbury register)(bur. 12 Aug 1718). Bur. 14 Apr 1707. PCB. See Pedigree 6.
- WEST, JOHN**, 'junior', glazier. Bapt. 23 Feb 1644/5 son of John (glazier, d.1666) and Mary. Constable, 1668-9, 1669-70. Burgess by 1672-3. Bridgemaster, 1673-5, 1691-3. Auditor, 1679-81, 1685-7, 1688-90. Alderman, 1685-6 (temporarily removed 1687-8) to 18c. Loan, 1685-6. ?refused mayoralty, 1685-6. **Mayor**, Sep. 1687-Feb 1687/8 (removed), Oct 1688-Sep 1689, 1699-1700, 1713-4. Refs. in accounts, 1691-2, 1692-3. Disputed mayoral election, 1700/1. Mar. 19 June 1670 Joyce Hawtyn (bur. 16 Jan 1716/7). Bur. 7 Jan 1721/2. See Pedigrees 5, 7.
- WEST, RICHARD**, shoemaker. Freeman, 1554; or ref. in accounts, 1555-6. Burgess, post-1554. Signed orders, 1557-8. Alderman by 1571, to death. **Bailiff**, 1571-2. Bur. 14 Nov 1577. PCB.
- WEST, SAMUEL**. Bapt. 12 Jan 1646/7 son of John (glazier, d.1666) and Mary. Tithingman, 1670-1, 1671-2; Constable, 1672-3. Burgess by 1680-1 (temporarily removed, 1687-8). Auditor, 1682-4, 1689-91. Bridgemaster, 1683-5. Loan, 1685-6. Alderman by 1690, probably to death. ?refused mayoralty, 1689-90 (for 1690-1). **Mayor**, 1691-2, 1699-1700 (disputed election, 1700/1). Auditor, 1703-4. Mar.(1) 4 Feb 1668/9 Elizabeth Hall, widow (bur. 20 Dec 1676); (2) Sarah (bur. 3 Apr 1713). Bur. 9 Sep 1713 (Justice of the Peace at death). See Pedigree 7.
- Weston, Edward**, tailor. Bapt. 26 Jan 1583/4 son of Edward and Annys. ?Town rents, 1616/7 (Sheep Street). Taster, 1618-22, 1626-7, 1632-3, 1634-7, 1642-5, 1650-2. Tithingman, 1627-8, 1628-9; Constable, 1630-1, 1631-2. Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 30 July 1652.
- Weston, Edward**, cook. Bapt. 13 Feb 1613/4 son of Edward. Survey, 1653 (Sheep St.) Sergeant at Mace, for 6 or 7 years before 1655 (sheep-pens dispute, 1655-6); 1661-2. Mar.(1) Mary (bur. 29 Apr 1659); (2) 24 Nov 1659 Sarah French. Bur. 8 July 1676. PCB.
- Weston, Francis**. Bapt. 8 Apr 1582 son of Edward. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1622-3, 1625-7, 1629-31, 1632-3, 1634-6, 1637-8. Taster, 1633-4. Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 7 Apr 1643.
- Wheatley, James**. Tithingman, 1663-4, 1664-5. Bur. 24 Jan 1665/6.
- Wheatly, John**, mercer. Son of Thomas and Joyce. Tithingman, 1620-1, 1621-2; Constable, 1624-5. Mem., 1628-9. Mar.(1) 6 June 1613 Elizabeth Crosswell; (2) Mary (bur. 17 Aug 1649). Bur. ?June 1644. See Pedigrees 1, 2.

WHEATLEY, NATHANIEL, saddler. Bapt. 29 May 1599 son of William and Ann. Tithingman, 1622-3; Constable, 1624-5, ?1627-8, 1628-9. Burgess by 1629-30. Auditor, 1628-30, 1634-9, 1647-54, 1657-9. Mems., 1630-1, 1661-2. Bridgemaster, 1631-2, 1639-41. Alderman 1633-4, to death. **Mayor, 1636-7, 1643-4, 1656-7.** Refs. in accounts, 1639-40, 1654-5. Survey, 1643 (Sheep Street). Justice of the Peace, 1655-6 (sheep-pens dispute), 1662-3 (ref. under mem., 1667-8), and at death. Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Deputy Mayor, 1662-3. Chamberlain, 1665-6. Mar. 20 Nov 1620 Alice dau. of James and Ann West (bur. 9 Jan 1665/6). Bur. 31 Oct 1666. PCB. See Pedigree 2.

WHEATLY, NATHANIEL, mercer. Bapt. 23 Oct 1631 son of Nathaniel and Alice. Constable, 1657-8. Replacement Corporation, Alderman 1688. **Mayor, Sep-Oct 1688.** Petition to Parliament, 1689-90. Mar. 5 Feb 1654/5 Mary Hawtry. Bur. 20 Apr 1707. PCB. See Pedigrees 2, 6.

WHEATLEY, RICHARD, mercer. Son of William, of Henley-in-Arden, Warw. On Corporation by 1587. Auditor, 1587-8, 1588-9. Warden of town houses, ?1587-8, 1589-90, 1591-4. Mem. re key of chest, 1588-9. Petition, 1590. **Bailiff, 1590-1, 1597-8.** Mem. re accounts, 1591-2. Poor loan, 1597/8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600. Bur. 30 Nov 1603. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 2.

WHEATLY, RICHARD, saddler. Bapt. 11 Oct 1629 son of Nathaniel (d.1666). Burgess, 1661-2. Auditor, 1662-4, 1666-8, 1672-4, 1676-83. Alderman by Sep. 1668 (temporarily removed, 1687-8), to 18c. **Mayor, 1671-2, 1683-4.** Bridgemaster, 1679-81. Assessor and Assizer, 1679-80. Justice of the Peace, 1684-5 (temporarily removed, 1687-8) to death. Loan, 1685-6. Chamberlain, 1690-3, ?1701-5. Senior Alderman, 1700/1 (disputed election). Mar. 21 Oct 1665 Elizabeth Westley. Bur. 12 Aug 1706. PCB. See Pedigrees 2, 6.

WHEATELY, RICHARD, ironmonger. Bapt. 29 Oct 1665 son of William (d.1671). Constable, 1688-9, 1689-90. Burgess and Alderman, 18c. **Mayor, 1705-6.** Mem. 1708 (re. Oken's money). Bridgemaster, 1709-11. ?Surveyor of Highways, 1730. Bur. 4 Aug 1744.

WHEATLEY, THOMAS, mercer. Born 1550, son of William, of Henley-in-Arden, Warw. Quit rent, 1586. Constable, 1587-8. Petition, 1590. Alderman by 1592; named in Charter (1608); to death. **Bailiff, 1592-3** (and ref. under 1593-4), **1599-1600.** Refs. in accounts, 1596-7, 1605-6, 1610-1, 1619-20. Poor loan, 1597/8. Star Chamber case, 1599-1600 (and refs. in accounts, 1602-3, 1607-8). Auditor, 1601-2, 1605-6, 1609-10, 1614-5, 1619-21. Lease of Leather Hall and stands under it, 1603 (from 1600); lease of houses, 1608-9, 1609-10; rent for Leather Hall, 1613-4. Wool Market loan, 1610/1. **Mayor, 1611-2, 1623-4.** Bridgemaster, 1611-2, 1613-4, 1614-5, 1618-21. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Justice of the Peace, 1627-8 (Fire appeal), 1633-4 (Visitation). Mar. (1) 2 July 1582 Joyce Knight (bur. 3 Dec 1612); (2) Joyce (bur. 29 Oct 1646). Bur. 15 Nov 1637. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 2.

Whately, William, Vicar of Banbury, 1611-39. Bapt. 26 May 1583 son of Thomas and Joyce. Refs. in accounts, 1607-8, 1620-1, 1623-8, 1629-30. Lease of Leather Hall, 1621-2; rent, 1621-2. Fire Appeal, 1627-8. Mar. 16 Nov 1602 Martha Hunt (bur. 10 Dec 1641; M.I.: Will, PCC). Bur. 14 May 1639. M.I. Will, PCC. See Pedigrees 1, 2; Beesley, pp. 267-73.

WHEATELY, WILLIAM, apothecary. Born 1604 son of John, of Elmsley, Ullenhall. Tithingman, 1634-5, 1635-6; Constable, 1637-8, 1638-9. Burgess, from 1639-40. Auditor, 1639-41, 1643-5, 1651-3. Loan, 1641-2. Alderman, 1643 to death. Bridgemaster, 1643-50. **Mayor, 1648-9.** Ref. in accounts, 1653-4. Mar. 8 Dec 1631 Sarah Dorrell (bur. 23 June 1665) - Loan 1660-1, 1661-2, 1662-3. Bur. 29 Jan 1657/8. M.I. Will, PCC, 1658. See Pedigrees 2, 3.

WHEATLEY, WILLIAM, saddler. Bapt. 5 Sep 1624 son of Nathaniel and Alice. Tithingman, 1653-4, 1654-5; Constable, 1655-6 (sheep-pens dispute). Burgess, 1659-60; 1662-3 (oath). Loan, 1660-1, 1661-2. Auditor, 1661-3. Refs. in accounts 1661-2 (ref. to 1667); 1665-6. Alderman, 1662-3 to death. **Mayor, 1667-8.** Bridgemaster, 1669-71. Mar. 20 Nov 1659 Mary Claridge. Bur. 1 May 1671. Will, PCC. .Peds. 2, 6.

- Wheatley, William**, apothecary. Bapt. 30 Nov 1643 son of William (d.1657) and Sarah. Tithingman, 1666-7; Constable, 1668-9. Bur. 11 Oct 1671. Will, PCC, 1672.
- White, Barnaby**, labourer. Tollgatherer for the sheep market, 1612-3. Mar. 7 July 1589 Barbara Tailor (bur. 11 Mch 1631/2) - Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 27 Aug 1621. PCB 236.
- White, Richard**, Vicar of Banbury, 1670-77. Mar.(1) 12 Sep 1669 Joanna dau. of Timothy Harris (bur. 13 Sep 1672); (2) Aug 1675 Mary dau. of Charles Fox of Chacombe.
- Wickham, Edward**, of Swalcliffe, arm. Bapt. 29 Sep 1560 son of Humphrey and Mar. of Swalcliffe. Refs. in accounts, 1605-6, 1606-7 - recipient of £10 sent by Corporation. Justice of the Peace, 1608 (Charter). Bur. 2 Nov 1645, at Swalcliffe. See Visitation of Oxon (Harl.Soc.5), pp.322-3.
- Wickham, Edward**, clerk. Born c.1561 (aged 16 in 1577), 'of Oxon., pleb.' Balliol College, Oxford, B.A. 1580/1, M.A. 1583, B. and D.D., 1608. Rector of Horton, Bucks., 1591; Prebendary of Lincoln, 1593-1601; Canon of Chichester, 1603; Archdeacon of Dorset, 1607-21 (Alumni, Oxon. and Cantab.). Survey, 1606. Assistant to Corporation and first Guardian of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter). Died 21 Aug 1621 at Storrington, Sussex. Will, PCC.
- Wickham, Humphrey**, esquire, or Captain, of Swalcliffe. Assistant to the Corporation, 1683-4. See Beesley, pp. 488-92, for William Morrell imposture.
- Wickham, Richard**, arm. Born c.1552 son of Humphrey and Mar., of Swalcliffe. Fellow of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter). Bur. 30 Jan 1635 aged 83, at Swalcliffe. Will, PCC, 1636.
- WICKHAM, SIMON**. Freeman, 1554. Warden of town lands, 1560-2. Auditor, 1572-3. Quit rent, 1586. Survey, 1606 (Mill Lane). ?Bur. 19 Apr 1608.
- WICKHAM, THOMAS**. ?Bapt. 21 Feb 1563 at Swalcliffe, son of Humphrey and Mar. Named as Alderman and Fellow of the Hospital in Charter, 1608, but no other references.
- WIGET(TE), MATTHEW**. Son of Stephen. On Corporation by 1584, until at least 1597/8. Chamberlain, 1584-5, 1585-6. Warden of town houses, 1586-7. Quit rent, 1586. Petition, 1590. Mar.(1) 29 Apr 1570 Joyce Copland (bur. 20 June 1587); (2) 24 Mch 1589 Alice Pope. Bur. 4 July 1604. Will, PCC.
- WIGAT, STEPHEN**. Alderman, 1554 (Charter). Refs. in accounts, 1555-6. Justice of the Peace, 1557-8. Quit rent, 1586. Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford, 1559.
- Wilkins, John**, bapt. 20 Feb 1591/2 son of Thomas, of the Crouch. Taster, 1622-3. Bur. ?9 Apr 1673, 'poor'.
- Wilkins, Richard**. Bapt. 23 Dec 1627 son of Thomas, of Calthorpe. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1659-60.
- Williamson, Edward**. Petition, 1590. Taster, 1616-21. Fire relief, 1628. Mar. (1) 26 Nov 1580 Isabell Hughes (bur. 9 May 1588); (2) 15 Dec 1588 Anne Collens. Bur. 18 Oct 1630. PCB 318.
- Williamson, Richard**. Petition, 1590. Aletaster, 1591-2. Bur. 19 May 1592. PCB 6.
- Williamson, Thomas**. Petition, 1590. Tollgatherer for the Beast Market, 1591-2. Bur. 26 Mch 1616. PCB 166.
- Winge, Fulke**, tailor. Constable, 1611-2; Tithingman, 1612-3. Bur. 22 Oct 1631.
- WING, JOHN**, mercer. Petition, 1590. Poor loan, 1597/8. Refs. in accounts, 1603-4, 1615/6 (under 1611-2), 1616-7, 1619-20. Burgess by 1604, named in Charter, 1608. Chamberlain, 1604-8. Wool Market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Auditor, 1611-3, 1617-9, 1623-5. Overseer of the Poor, 1612-3. Alderman by 1615, to death. Mayor, 1615-6. Bridgemaster, 1617-8, 1621-3. Mar. 10 Feb 1588/9 Anne Hartlett, wid. (bur. 26 Apr 1630) - Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 22 Nov 1626. Will, PCC.

- Winge, Thomas**, shoemaker. Tithingman, 1612-3. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1618-20. Constable, 1619-20, 1620-1. Ref. in accounts, 1619-20. Mar. 24 June 1600 Elizabeth Patten (bur. 5 Sep 1633) - Fire relief, 1628. Bur. 2 Nov 1627. PCB 293.
- WISDOM, EDWARD**. Bapt. 10 Aug 1561. Poor loan, 1597/8. Borough boundary, 1605-6 (house; juror). Survey, 1606 (Horsemarket; Birchley Street). Burgess, 1608 (Charter). Wool market loan, 1610/1, 1611-2. Corporation loan, 1612, 1612/3, 1613/4, 1615, 1615/6, 1617/8, 1619/20, 1620/1. Auditor, 1611-3, 1615-6, 1624-6. Overseer of poor, 1612-3. Town rents, 1616/7 (North Bar). Alderman by 1620, to 1627. **Mayor, 1620-1**. Ref. in sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6. Mar.(1) 12 May 1589 Margaret Bull (bur. 7 Apr 1613); (2) Alice. Bur. 17 July 1636. Will, PCC. See Pedigree 7.
- WISE, JOHN**. Alderman, 1554 (Charter), 1557-8. Ref. in accounts, 1555-6 "my brother Wyes". Will, Archdeaconry Court of Oxford, 1558.
- Wise, Thomas**, mason. Bapt. 28 Jan 1643/4 son of Robert. Constable, 1678-9, 1679-80, 1690-1, 1691-2. Petition to Parliament, 1680-1. Mar. 15 Dec 1666 Mary Greenwood. Bur. 31 Dec 1718. PCB.
- Woodhall, Nicholas**, esquire, of Thenford, N'hants. Son of Fulk and Alice. Fellow of Hospital, 1608 (Charter). Son Michael apprenticed, 1612 (ref. under Freedom, 1631-2). Bur. 8 Nov 1631 at Thenford, aged 50. See Baker, "N'hants.", 712.
- Wootton, Edward**. Taster, 1633-4, 1639-40, 1646-8, 1652-4. Bur. 8 Dec 1660. Will, PCC, 1661.
- Wotton, Peter**, butcher. Taster, 1650-2, 1660-4, 1672-3. Mar.(1) Alice (bur. 23 Oct 1666); (2) 28 Dec 1667 Alice Goodman, wid. (bur. 18 July 1671). Bur. 20 Apr 1674. Will, PCC.
- Wright, Martin**. Assistant and Fellow of the Hospital, 1608 (Charter).
- Wright, William**. Assistant, 1608 (Charter).
- Yardley, Robert**. Searcher and sealer of leather, 1588-9, 1591-2. Petition, 1590. Lease of tenement in Mill Lane/Hogmarket, 1603 (from 1590). Bur. 23 Mch 1593.
- Yates, John**, tailor. Tithingman, 1633-4, 1634-5; Constable, 1635-6, 1636-7 (Ship Money). Defendant in sheep-pen dispute, 1655-6 (lived in Sheep Street). Assistant, 1661-2. Mar. 30 Sep 1624 Millicent Knib. Bur. 21 Aug 1672. Will, PCC.
- Yorke, Edward**. Assistant, 1608 (Charter).
- Youicke, John**. Bapt. 20 Feb 1597/8 son of Thomas. Tithingman, 1631-2, 1632-3; Constable, 1634-5, 1635-6. Bur. 12 Sep 1652. PCB, 1660.
- YOUICK, JOHN**, maltster. Bapt. 719 Mch 1632/3 son of John. Tithingman, 1672-3, 1673-4; Constable, 1674-5, 1675-6 (these offices may have been held by the John Youick who died 1680). Churchwarden, 1687/8 (ref. under accounts, 1686-7). Alderman on replacement Corporation, Sep. 1688. Mar. 2 Oct 1671 Alice Coles (bur. 19 Jan 1713/4). Bur. 30 Apr 1704. Will, PCC.

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 Joseph (1609-1643) BIOG.
 Nicholas (d.1613) BIOG.
 Thomas 1554.
Avery, John (d.1594) linen-draper 1590, 1591-2
Awod, John 1555-6
Ayres, Thomas 1652-3
 See also Eyres
Babington, Mr. 1555-6
Badger, John (d.1611) 1590
Bagshawe, Edward, Recorder 1634/5
Baker, John (fl.1562-88) BIOG.
 Robert 1606, 1616/7
 Thomas (d.1630) weaver 1628
 William 1586
Ball, John (1617-1686) BIOG.
 Nathaniel, of North Newington 1687-8
 William, clerk, of Peabworth, Glos. 1627-8
Bannister (Bannester), Richard (d.1601) 1597/8
Banworth see Bonworth
Barber, William (1621-1688) BIOG.
Barett, Piers 1562-3
Barker, Humfrey 1554
Barnesley see Barnsley
Barnes, John (d.1688) BIOG.
 Robert (b.1640) 1674-5
Barnsley (Barmelsey, Barnesley, Barnslay)
 John (d.1587) BIOG.
 William (d.1557) BIOG.
Barrowes (Barowe, Barrow, Borrowe(s))
 John 1554
 John, junior 1554
 Nicholas (d.1610) BIOG.
 Nicholas (1589-1620) 1616/7
 William 1597/8
 Goodwife 1608-9
 See also Burrowes
Bartram, Mr. of Grays Inn 1555-6
Basse (Boss, Bosse) Benjamin 1708
 Edward (1596-1669) BIOG.
 Henry (d.1698) 1674-5
 Michael (d.1623) carrier 1603
 William (d.1596) barber 1554
 William (1591-1631) glover 1628

- Baxter**, John, of London 1631-2
Bayly, William (d.1563) BIOG.
Bays, Richard (d.1565) BIOG.
Beale, Edward (d.1657) BIOG.
Beasent, John 1653
Beast, Edward Taster, 1624-5
 Thomas 1606
Becke, John, of Bloxham 1623-4, 1624-5
Bell, Agnes 1603
 Henry (d.1655) BIOG.
Benam (Beynam), John 1603
Bendbowe, Robert (d.1648) scrivener
 1614-5
Bennett (Benet(t), Bannet, Bennyte)
 Anne (d.1630) 1628
 Henry, Earl of Arlington (1618-1685),
 Member of the Cabal Ministry 1673-4
 Reynold
 Richard 1554,
 Richard, junior 1554
 Richard 1555-6
 Richard (d.1697) BIOG.
 Robert 1606
 Thomas (fl.1586-1602) BIOG.
 Goodwife 1555-6
 Mrs., of Ebrington, Glos. 1627-8
Bensley, Christopher 1687-8
Benson, John 1554
Bentley (Bentlie, Bently, Penthelyn,
 Pentlen, Pentlyn)
 Edward (d.1578) BIOG.
 Edward (b.1564) BIOG.
 John (b.1578) BIOG.
 John (1602-1643) BIOG.
 John (1609-1658) BIOG.
 Matthew (1580-1627) BIOG.
 Matthew (1606-1667) BIOG.
 Robert (1568-1627) BIOG.
 William (d.1603) BIOG.
Berry (Berie, Bury) John (d.1729) BIOG.
 Nicholas (d.1640) BIOG.
Bertie, P--- 1699
Best, Thomas (d.1591) 1590
Beynard, William 1554
Bickerstaff (Bigerstaffe), Richard,
 tailor 1653
Bigges (Bygges), Thomas, of Bykley
 1565-6
Bigerstaffe see Bickerstaff
Bishop (Bushoppe, Byshope, Syshoppe)
 James 1586
 John (d.1594) 1554, 1564-5
 Thomas (d.1578) 1554
Blabie, Richard 1603
"Black Tom" 1691-2
Blackwell, Samuel (d.1654) BIOG.
Blincoe (Blencowe, Blynco, Blyncoe)
 Fulke 1628, 1640-1
 George, gen. 1596-7, 1599-1600,
 1601-2, 1607-8
 John (d.c1643), esq., of Marston BIOG.
Blincoe contd.
 Sir John (1642-1726) BIOG.
Blissard (Blysard), Thomas (d.1598) BIOG.
Bloxham, John 1674-5, 1687-8
 Joseph (d.1695) carpenter and joiner
 1674-5, 1687-8
 Richard 1614-5
 Richard 1653
 Richard, of Tadmarton 1687-8
 Robert (d.1737) BIOG.
 Thomas 1687-8
 William (1619-1678) BIOG.
Blunt (Blount), George, of Wigginton,
 gent. 1641-2
Blyncoe see Blincoe
Blysard see Blissard
Bonner, John (d.1643) physician 1612-3,
 1628
Bonworth (Banworth, Bornworth, Bunworth)
 Thomas (d.1620) 1603, 1606, 1616/7
Boodle see Bowdle
Bornworth see Bornworth
Borrowe(s) see Barrowes
Boss, Bosse see Basse
Bosworthe (Bosseworth)
 Eustace (d.1558) BIOG.
Bowdle (Boodle), William (d.1655) gent.,
 of Barford St. John 1653
Bowdre (Bowdry), Christopher (d.1558)
 1554
Bowers, John (d.1722) BIOG.
 Richard 1625-6, 1626-7
 William, husbandman, of Hanwell 1602-3
Bowler, Samuel (d.1683) BIOG.
Bowmer, John 1554
Bowton, Ellen 1555-6
Box, Edward (1692-1752) BIOG.
 William (d.1732) BIOG.
Bradford, Michael (d.1671) BIOG.
 Thomas 1606
 Thomas (1667-1760) BIOG.
Bradley, Anthony (d.1639) BIOG.
 Julian (d.1593) 1603, 1606
Bradwall, Robert 1554
Bramley, ---, ?playwright 1555-6
Brasbridge, Rowland, surveyor 1653
 Thomas (d.1593) BIOG.
 William (d.1576) 1554
Bree, "Widow" 1628
Brightwell (Bryghtwell), Edward (d.1572)
 BIOG.
Brinknell (Bryngnell, Brynknell), Roger
 (d.1569) 1554, 1606
Brown (broune, Browne), Sir Henry, bart.
 of Kiddington, High Sheriff 1688-9
 John 1555-6
 Nathaniel 1653
 Richard (d.1587) 1586
 Thomas (d.c1554) 1554
 Thomas 1712, 1714, 1719
 "Widow" 1732

- Bryghtwell** see Brightwell
Brynknell see Brinknell
Bull, Henry (d.1600) of Grimsbury 1590
 John (d.1617) of Grimsbury, labourer 1612-3
 Robert (d.1593) of Nethercote 1590
 Rowland, gent., Assistant and Fellow of the Hospital 1606, 1608
 Samuel 1721
 Thomas (d.1594) of Neithrop 1586
 Thomas (d.1655) 1628
Bunworth see Bonworth
Burden, Richard (d.1736) BIOG.
Burrowes (Burroughs), John 1687-8, 1708
 Richard (b.1649) BIOG.
 Stevens 1687-8
 see also Barrowes
Burston, Richard, master of the house of correction and workhouse 1661-2
Burton, Humfrey, of Coventry 1628
Bury see Berry
Busby, Richard 1630-1
Bussshop see Bishop
Butler, John (fl.1661-84) BIOG.
 John (d.1711) BIOG.
 Joseph (fl. 1661-83) BIOG.
 (als Carter), Thomas (d.1587) BIOG.
 under Carter
 Thomas (b.c1621), Captain or Major, of Deddington 1649-50, 1650, 1652-3, 1653, 1653-4, 1655-6
 William (d.1689) BIOG.
Butterfelld, Edward 1563-4
Buttin(g)wood, Richard, of Harbury, Warw. 1563/4
Buttry, Cressent 1586
Bygar, Baldwin 1554
Bygges see Bigges
Byshop(p)e see Bishop
- Cal(l)cott** (Colket), Richard (1614-81) yeoman, of Neithrop 1664-5
 Richard (d.1696) smith 1653
 Walter, merchant of the Staple, of Williamscoth 1598-9, 1602-3
 William (d.1713) BIOG.
Callow, Richard (d.1699) BIOG.
Camden, Walter (d.c1554) 1554
Candy, Hugh 1655-6
Canning see Kenning
Carpenter (Carpender), John 1555-6
Carter, Edmund 1687-8
 John 1687-8
 (als Butler), Thomas (d.1587) BIOG.
Cartwright (Cartwrite).
 Michael (d.1608) blacksmith 1590, 1597-8, 1599-1600, 1602-3
Catrowe (Cattrow), Robert 1554 (two entries)
Cave, John (d.1703) BIOG.
 Matthew (d.1679) brasier 1664-5
- Cave** contd.
 Philip (d.1672) brasier 1640-1, 1656
Cecil, William, Lord Burghley (1520-98) Lord High Treasurer 1606
Chadwick (Chaddock, Chadwyke), Thurstan 1554, 1603, 1606
Chamberlain(e), George (b.1615) BIOG.
 Sir Thomas (d.1625) BIOG.
 Sir Thomas, (1614-1681) BIOG.
Chambers, Calcott (fl.1608-26) BIOG.
 George, of Williamscoth 1586
Champion (Schampion), Mr --- 1555-6
Chandos, Lord (John Brydges, 1st Baron, 1491-1559) 1557-8
Chauncy, Toby (d.1725) Addenda, 1705
Chaundler, Thomas (d.1596) BIOG.
Cheetwood see Chittwood
Cherry (Chery), George 1554
Chittwood (Cheetwood), Sir Richard (b.c1560) BIOG.
Churchill, Justinian 1652-3
Claridge (Clarydge, Cleridge)
 John (d.1610) 1590
 Thomas (d.1709) tanner, of Neithrop 1664-5
Clarke, John, of Coventry, mercer 1628
 Richard 1554
 Sir Richard 1555-6
 Richard (d.1692) BIOG.
Clarkson (Claxone), Anthony (d.1590) BIOG.
Clarson, Henry (d.1747) BIOG.
Cleaver, Robert (b.c1562) Rector of Drayton 1627-8
Clements (Clemens), Thomas 1590
Clifton (Clyfton) William 1606
 ---, of Hook Norton 1586
Coale, **Coates** see Cole(s)
Cobb, Sir Thomas (d.1699) BIOG.
Coke, Roger 1554
 Thomas. 1652-3
Cole(s) (Coale, Coates)
 Edward (d.1626) BIOG.
 George 1568-9
 John (1648-1713) BIOG.
 Thomas (d.1684) BIOG.
 Thomas (b.1643) 1670-1, 1679-80, 1687-8, 1692-3
Coleman, --- 1606
Colinge, Thomas, mason 1599-1600
Colket see Calcott
Collins, John, of Wardington 1554-5
 Richard 1674-5
 Thomas 1554-5
Compton, Anne or Agnes (d.1574) widow 1606
Cooke, Charles 1652-3
Cooper, Anthony (1581-1644) BIOG.
Cope, Sir Anthony (1549-1614) BIOG.
 Sir Anthony (1632-1675) BIOG.
 Edward (1517-1557), esq. 1554, 1555-6

- Cope contd.
 Sir John (1634-1721) BIOG.
 Richard (d.1628) BIOG.
 Sir William (1577-1637) BIOG.
- Copland, John 1555-6
 William 1554, 1555-6
- Cornwall, Mr --- 1555-6
- Cotayne, Sir William, Lord Mayor of
 London 1633-4
- Cotes see Coles
- Cotton, Sir Alan, Lord Mayor of London
 1626-7
- Cowell, John, gent., Receiver General
 for Oxon. and Berks. 1585-6
- Cowley (Cowlee, Cowly)
 George (d.1577) 1557-8, 1606
 John (d.1696) BIOG.
- Cowper, Master --- 1568-9
- Craftes (Croftes als Ambrose)
 Robert (1566-1626) BIOG.
- Crew(e), John, 1st Baron Crewe (1598-
 1679) BIOG.
 Sir Thomas (1656-1633) BIOG.
 Thomas, 2nd Baron (1624-1697), High
 Steward of Banbury 1683-4
- Crisp, William, esquire, Recorder of
 Banbury 1693-4
- Croftes see Craftes
- Crooke, James 1703/4
 Richard (b.1643) BIOG.
- Crooker, Richard 1661-2
- Crowder (Crowdar), Thomas (d.1627),
 currier, mar. Elizabeth Robbins
 1628
- Cupper, John, esquire, (High) Steward
 of Banbury 1565-6
- Cuppyge, Nicholas 1565-6
- Cure, William (fl.1658-65) BIOG.
- Curral, Nicholas 1606
- Curtis, --- 1615-6
- Dadson (Dodsonn)
 Charles (d.1625) husbandman 1621-2
- Daffyd (ap Daffyd, Apdauythe)
 Ellis 1563-4
- Dagon, Robert (d.1588) 1603
- Dankes, William (d.1687) BIOG.
- Danvers (Davers), George (1520-1577)
 esquire, of Calthorpe 1554
 John (d.1591) esquire, of Calthorpe,
 High Sheriff 1586
 Thomas 1631-2
- Dashwood, Sir Robert (1662-1734) BIOG.
- Daunt, Anthony 1628
 William (d.1622) BIOG.
- Davers see Danvers
- Davis (Davys), John 1555-6
 John (1667-1733) BIOG.
 Luke, of Drayton 1636-7
 Roger (d.1639) 1628
 William (d.1603) 1590
- Davy, Hugh 1554, 1555-6
 John (d.1558) 1554
 William 1554, (two entries), 1586
 --- 1568-9
- Davys see Davis
- Dawkes, Mr --- 1614-5
- Daye, Robert (d.1600) 1590
- Deene, Valentine, Glover 1602-3
- Deny, John 1616/7
- Dennowe, Peter 1586
- Densley (Densy, Denzey)
 Thomas (d.1625) BIOG.
- Denton (Dentton, Deynton)
 Thomas (fl.1554-58) BIOG.
 "young Master" 1556-7
 --- 1555-6
- Denzey see Denzey
- Devell, Richard (fl.1612-14) BIOG.
- Devytt, Thomas (d.c1554) 1554
- Dewe, Griffine/Griffyn (d.1597) 1590
- Deynton see Denton
- Dickerson, John 1703/4
- Dingley (Dinglye), John (1611-41) BIOG.
 John 1674-5
 Samuel 1674-5
- Dixe (Dyckes, Dykes, Dyx)
 John (1576-1621) tanner 1605-6, 1616/7
 John (b.1609) 1612-3
 Ralph (1572-1618) BIOG.
 Thomas (d.1599) BIOG.
- Doane see Downe
- Dod, John (1555-1645) Rector of Hanwell
 1627-8
- Dodsonn see Dadson
- Don(n)e, Raphael/Raphe (d.1602) 1590
- Dorrell (Dorele, Dorryll), Henry (d.1628)
 of Neithrop, mar. Rose Taylor - 1628
- Dormer, John (1669-1719) esquire, of
 Rousham 1700/1
- Dossell, William 1674-5
- Downe (Doane, Done, Doune), John 1554
 William (d.1592) BIOG.
- Downes (Down(n)s), Richard (d.1691) BIOG.
- Draper, Richard 1616/7
- Dread (Dreed), John (d.1644) 1617-8
- Driver (Dryver), Roger 1555-6
- Drope, Ralph (d.1660) BIOG.
 Thomas, clerk, Assistant to the Corpor-
 ation and Fellow of the Hospital
 1608
- Drye, Ralph, of Barford 1586, 1606
- Dryver see Driver
- Dudley (Dudlie), Edward (1632-1705) BIOG.
 Henry (d.1619) tailor 1597/8, 1606
 John, Earl of Warwick and Duke of
 Northumberland (ex.1553) 1586,
 1649-50
 Matthew (1583-1643) BIOG.
 Thomas (d.1606) victualler 1606
 William (d.1572) BIOG.
- Dumblaton, Thomas (1638-1675) BIOG.

Duncombe, Henry, of Aylesbury, gent.

1633-4

Dycher, ----, ?playwright 1555-6

Dyckes, **Dykes**, **Dyx** see Dixe

Eaglesfield see Eglesfield

Eagleston, Francis 1674-5, 1687-8

Isaac (1675-1714) joiner 1714, 1719, 1721

Easey (Easy, Easye), George 1606

John (d.1637) butcher 1628

Edens (Eaton, Eians, Eddon, Eden, Edomes, Edoms, Idon, Yedens, Yeedens)

Edward (d.1615) BIOG.

Edward (1586-1643) BIOG.

Martin (1591-1651) BIOG.

Nichodemus (1565-c1619) BIOG.

Robert (d.1595) BIOG.

Egerton, Sir John, bart. (?3rd Earl of Bridgewater), Assistant 1683-4

Eglesfield (Eaglesfield, Hekullffeld, Skelffield)

Bartholomew (d.1583) BIOG.

Egleston see Eagleston

Elderson, Henry (d.1614) 1603, 1606, 1616/7

Elkington, George (b.1591) innholder, of Deddington 1655-6

William (d.1614) yeoman 1612-3

Ellis, Mr --- 1698

Elson, John 1586, 1606

English(e) (Engles, English)

Richard (d.1608) 1590, 1603

Evans, Anthony (d.1625) mar. Joan Pedley 1628, 1631/2

Henry, Searcher and sealer of leather 1621-2

Eyre(s) (Ayres)

Daniel (d.1674) 1648-9, 1655-6

John (d.1579) 1554, 1606

Fairefeld (Ferfeld)

Richard (fl.1554-1568) BIOG.

Falloway see Followay

Fardam (Fardome, Vardam), Deodatus 1586

John (d.c1554) 1554

Thomas (d.1617) BIOG.

Fawdre (Vadry)

William, fuller 1554, 1555-6, 1586

Fecyasse, Thomas, of Bykley 1565-6

Fennimore (Feenimore)

Christopher (d.1628) BIOG.

Ferfeld see Fairefeld

Fiennes (Fynes), Elizabeth 1606

James, 2nd Viscount Saye and Sele (d.1674) 1661-2

John 1641-2

Nathaniel (1608-1669) BIOG.

Nathaniel, 4th Viscount Saye and Sele (1676-1710) 1700

Sir Richard (d.1579) 1568-9

Fiennes contd.

Sir Richard, 7th Baron Saye and Sele (d.1613) BIOG.

Ursula 1606

William, 1st Viscount Saye and Sele (d.1662) BIOG.

Master ---- 1555-6

Fisher (Fysher), Corndly, Chamberlain and Registrar of London 1633-4

Thomas, esquire 1554

Mr --- 1555-6

Fletcher, Peter (d.1703) carpenter 1674-5

Fley see Sly

Floyd, David, Fellow of the Hospital 1608

Walter, Assistant 1608

Folkerd, Benjamin 1730, 1732

Followay (Falloway)

Richard (d.1624) 1606, 1616/7

Foster, Thomas (d.1621) BIOG.

Fox(e), Henry (1595-1644) BIOG.

Michael (c1568-c1649) gent, of Chacombe 1602-3, 1606

Richard (d.1599) gent, of Chacombe 1586

Roger (d.1633) husbandman 1606

Mr ---- (probably Michael, d.1569, of Chacombe) 1555-6

Franchise, John, of Calthorpe 1606

Franklin (Francclin, Franklyn)

John (d.1691) BIOG.

William (d.1618) maltster 1620-1

Freeman, John (fl.1628-9) BIOG.

French, John (d.1684) BIOG.

Robert 1653

Samuel (1620-1658) BIOG.

Thomas (1577-1649) BIOG.

Frogmorton, John 1555-6

Fynes see Fiennes

Fysher see Fisher

Gannock, William, esquire 1661-2

Garland, John 1597-8

William (d.1605) 1590, 1597/8

Garner, Thomas (fl.1608) BIOG.

Garwey, Thomas (fl.1608) BIOG.

Gascoigne (Gascoine, Gascoyne, Gaskene, Gaskin)

Abraham (d.1648) 1628

Alice 1586

Jacob (d.1657) BIOG.

Jacob (d.1700) BIOG.

Robert (d.1644) BIOG.

Robert (1659-1736) BIOG.

Thomas (d.1689) BIOG.

Gevys, John (d.c1554) 1554

William 1554

Gibbard, Thomas 1602-3

Mr ---- 1706

Gibbins see Gibbons

Gibbons (Gibbins, Gybbyns, Gybynes)

Richard 1554
Mr ---- 1555-6

Gibbs, John 1674-5**Giles**, Henry 1606**Gilkes** (Gylks), William (d.1643) BIOG.**Gill** (Gyll), Edward (fl.1608) BIOG.

John (d.1634) BIOG.
Peter (d.1576) BIOG.

Glover, Edmund (d.1558) BIOG.

Edward 1586
Henry (d.1643) fellmonger, mar.
Elizabeth Long (d.1656) - 1653
Thomas 1606, 1616/7

Golding (Goldynge), John 1554**Good**, William 1554, 1606**Goodby(e)** (Goodbee, Goudby), Thomas,
mar. Margaret Jarvys (d.1641) 1628**Goodwin(e)** (Goodwyn, Goodyn)

Francis (d.1731) BIOG.
John (d.1639) BIOG.
John (d.1694) BIOG.
Nathaniel (fl.1672-84) BIOG.
Thomas, gent. 1655-6
William (d.1626) cordwainer 1618-9

Goodyear (Gudyere) Nicholas 1554

Richard 1555-6
Goodby see Goodby

Gough, George, of Heyford Warren 1562-3**Gower**, John, esquire, Sheriff of Oxfordshire 1676-7**Gastringham**, "Old" 1628**Graves**, William 1627-8**Green** (Greene)

Thomas (d.1598) shoemaker 1590
---- 1626-7
----, widow 1653

Greenall, Robert (d.1734) BIOG.**Greene** see Green**Green(e)hill**, Anthony (d.1677) BIOG.

John (1649-1737) BIOG.
Thomas (1657-1724) BIOG.

Gregory, Blagrove (fl.1720-27) BIOG.

Mr ----, of Coventry 1555-6
Grevill, Edward, gent. 1586

Griffin, Richard, Assistant 1608**Gubbin** (Gubbyn)

Gabriel (1599-1644) 1628, 1641-2
Gud(y)ere see Goodyear

Gulliver (Gullifer)

Edward (d.1635) 1619-20
John (d.1699) locksmith, Quaker 1687-8
Richard (d.1620) mar. Alice Goodson
(d.1634) - 1628
William (d.1697) wheelwright 1674-5,
1687-8
William (d.1723) BIOG.
"Widow", "junr." (d.1644) 1628, 1653
Gunn, Richard (d.1720) BIOG.
Gwyn, Sir Rowland, official of Parliament 1700/1

Gybbyns, Gybynes see Gibbons**Gyles** see Giles**Gylks** see Gilkes**Gyll** see Gill**Haddley** see Hadley**Haddon**, "Widow" 1616/7**Hadley** (Haddley, Hadlye), Edward (d.1600)

ironmonger 1590, 1587/8
Hurfrey (d.1601) BIOG.
Richard (1594-1631) BIOG.
Robert (d.1559) 1554
Thomas (1569-1599) 1597/8

Hake, Thomas (d.1596) BIOG.**Haines** see Haynes**Hale** see Hall**Halford**, John, late of Warwick 1555-6**Halhed** (Halhead, Hallyheade)

Henry (d.1588) BIOG.
Henry (b.1577) BIOG.
John (d.1611) BIOG.
Richard (1602-1669) BIOG.
Richard (b.1662) BIOG.
Thomas, "the elder" (d.1620) BIOG.
Thomas, "the younger" (1575-1639) BIOG.
Thomas (1606-1662) BIOG.
Thomas (1641-1686) BIOG.
William (d.1602) BIOG.
William (1639-1666) BIOG.

Hall (Hale, Halle, Haulle)

Anthony (1579-1645) BIOG.
Anthony (1600-1652) BIOG.
John (d.1591) butcher 1564-5, 1586
John (d.1644) BIOG.
John (d.1691) BIOG.
Mary 1606

Richard, of Burton (?Bourton) 1586

Robert (d.1580) 1554

Robert 1628

Samuel (1582-1639) of Barford St.

Michael and South Newington 1641-2

Samuel (d.1689) BIOG.

Thomas, of Bodicote 1564-5

Thomas (d.1598) 1586, 1590

Thomas (d.1622) of Nethercote 1590

William 1586

William 1621-2

----, roper 1612-3

"Mistress" 1691-2

Hallyheade see Halhed**Hams** (Hames, Hamm(e)s)

John (?1610-1680) BIOG.

John (d.1684) BIOG.

Joseph (1645-1708) BIOG.

Hancoke, William (fl.1562-66) BIOG.**Harrison**, R---- 1652-3**Harper**, ---- 1627-8**Harris** (Harrys, Herris), Lewis, Under-sheriff of Oxfordshire 1637-8

Robert; widow Katherine (d.1640) or
Elizabeth (d.1632) - 1628

Harris contd.

Thomas, of Lighthorne 1563-4
 Thomas (d.1603) 1597-8, 1603, 1606
 Timothy (1623-1659) BIOG.
 Mr ----, Surveyor of Highways 1730
Hartlett(e) (Hartley)
 John (d.1585) BIOG.
 Pasover 1653
 William (d.1604) 1590
 William (d.1647) BIOG.
 ----, cutler 1620-1
Harvey (Harvy, Harvye)
 Andrew (d.1693) BIOG.
 Andrew (b.1645) BIOG.
 James (b.1616) BIOG.
 James (1654-1708) BIOG.
 Malachi (d.1718) BIOG.
 Richard (fl.1607-32) BIOG.
 Thomas (d.1675) BIOG.
 William (d.1566) Clarencieux King of
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ADDENDA

The following two items, of relevance to Corporation affairs, were noted and transcribed too late for inclusion in the main text.

To follow the Rawlinson MS extract on page 256:

[Bodleian Library, MS North a.3, f.7 (undated, but relating to the Journal of the House of Commons extract, 13 March 1700/1)]

The Case of the Honble. Charles North Elected to Serve in this p'sent Parliamt. as Burgess for the Town of Banbury.

John West p'sent Mayor of Banbury by Virtue of A precept delivered to him by the Sheriff of the County of Oxon. Summoned the Electors personally to attend, and thereupon at the Assembly Mr North being chose by the Majority is return'd by the Mayor.

Samuel West p'tending himself to be Mayor Snatch'd A like Precept from the hands of the sd. Sheriff And by Colour thereof Assembles with some of the Electors who p'tended to own him as Mayor, and so p'tending to Elect Mr Dormer returned him as duly Elected.

Mr North insists that all the proceedings of the sd. Samll. West relating to the Election are null and void he not being the proper Officer to whom it belonged to Execute the Precept for the Election in regard that the said John West Senr. was duly chosen to Succeed John West Junr. and he also duely chosen to succeed John Welchman, A former Mayor about whose Election A Suite of Law is now depending and it is p'tended that he was not duly chosen Mayor; But that Suite not coming to A determination the Mayoralty went on by regular Choyce to John West Junr. and afterwards to the sd. John West Senr. who acted as Mayor (as his said p'decessors for the sd. time also did) untill the delivery of the Precept and ever since. And it is conceived that at the time of the Execution of the sd. Precept the said John West Senr. was the proper officer to manage the same whatsoever the Event of the Suite may happen afterwards to be.

Now the said Samll. West can't be the proper Officer, for that he was twice chosen to succeed Edwd. Reynolds And that Reynolds never was Mayor as appears. 1st for that Welchman was duely Elected Sworn and Acted as Mayor for three Months before Reynolds's p'tended Election And that at the pretended Reynolds's Election the Hall was not Summoned by the Senr. Alderman which the Charter requires; 2ndly He was not Nominated Candidate by the two Senr. and Junr. Aldermen and the Senr. and Junr. Burgess as the Bye Laws require; 3rdly After this p'tended Election he was not sworne by the Senr. Alderman, as the Charter requires, so that the p'tended Authority of the said Reynolds being Null that of the p'sons chosen to succeed him is so also, but in the Election of the other Mayor, John Welchman, all these regularities were punctually observed.

This being the Case It is humbly Submitted to the Honble. Commee. of Elections and Privileges upon the whole matter to determine whether Mr North is not duly returned by the proper Office as Burgess Elected for the said Towne.

To appear chronologically on page 260:

[Journal of the House of Commons]

3 November 1705.

[Mg.] Banbury Election.

A Petition of Toby Chancey, Esquire, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that at the last Election of a Burgess, to serve in this Parliament for Banbury, Charles North, Esquire, and the Petitioner, stood Candidates: That the Freemen there, having an undoubted Right to vote at such Election, demanded a Poll for the Petitioner, which the Mayor refused; and immediately his Officers, and others, in a tumultuous Manner, did disturb them, as they were giving their Votes; notwithstanding which, the Petitioner had a Majority; yet the Mayor hath returned Mr North, in wrong to the Petitioner: And praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion therein, to the House.

